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junior

*Lindsey
Cohen*

senior

*Eric
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sophomore

*Jimmy
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senior

*Regan
Seiler*

junior

*Dan
Haight*

senior

*Chandra
Binnie*

sophomore

*Kyle
Hanson*

junior

*Erin
Ballard*

senior

*Nick
Ceala*

senior

*Charlie
Wigger*

sophomore

*Molly
Larson*

sophomore

*Jack
McIlhonn*

sophomore

Carena
Merideth

junior

T.K.
Kanauss

sophomore

Hannah
Slattery

sophomore

Patrick
Ackelson

senior

Spring
Kim

senior

Jordan
Wheeler

junior

Tiffany
Hess

junior

Jordan
Holcomb

teacher

Ed
Walker

sophomore

Kelsey
Ranney

senior

Laura
Velencia

junior

Graham
Emmerson

senior

Emily
Forte

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junior

Zach
Tyler

senior

Andrew
Hanson

junior

Alison
Langston

sophomore

Jeff
Bart

junior

Emily
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ID in one hand and wallet
in the other, senior Trevor
Holt prepares to purchase a
ticket from Sue Baker to the
boys' basketball game against
Newton. The ticket price paid
off: Holt watched as Johnston
beat Newton 86-56.

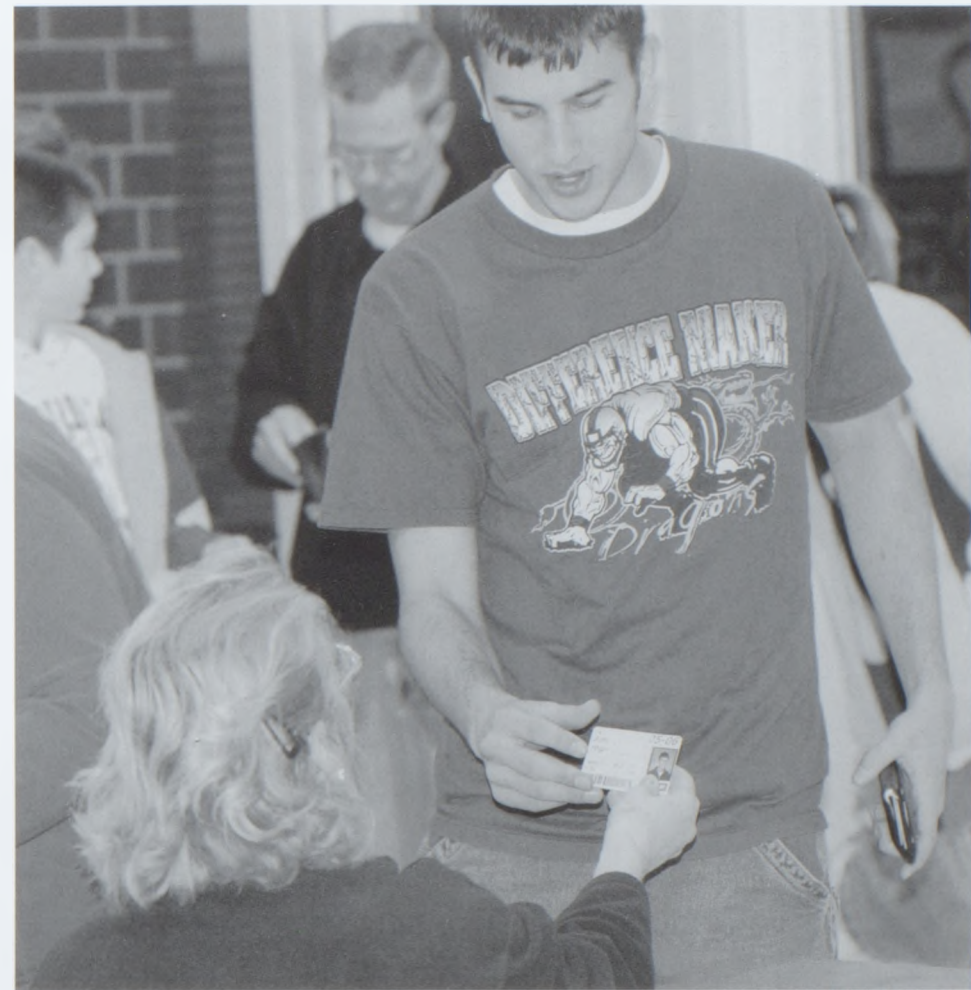


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seniors



Denny Eekins
construction worker



Ryan Olney
senior

IT DOESN'T MATTER WHO YOU WERE, IT MATTERS ■ HOW PEOPLE REMEMBER WHO YOU WERE. ■

Personalizing identity was the foremost motto of the adolescent life, the structure to every young being. Upon inquiring into the mass, one revealed the limitless generation that shaped their identities in the cluttered hallways of havoc. Standing out or standing in: people found their place in the crowd.

Outlining a person's individuality, the school social-light broke through generalities becoming a more accepting environment. The slow change was not a complete transformation, but a step in the right direction.

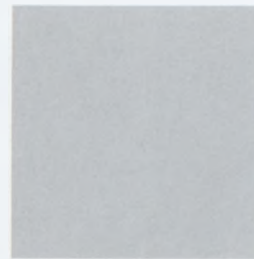
Vending machines were broken, a fencing club took first fight, students stepped out of the closet proclaiming their sexual status, myspace.com was murdered by the tech guy, teachers gained braces and babies, yearbook reformed to a landscape binding, and restaurants known only to big cities found their way to lowly Iowa. Few examples accentuated a tiny portion of a year's originality.

Striking measures, such as the parking lot expansion to fit in with the growing district population, were taken to cater to the needs of the free-spirited people of Johnston High 2005-2006.

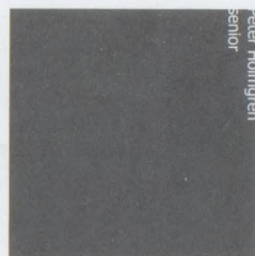
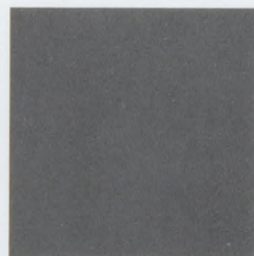
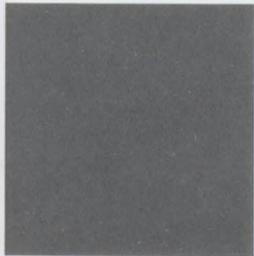
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Kathel Bassell
Junior



Scott Weiss
Sophomore



Peter Holmgren
Senior




A life-time lived in the world known as high school, a life-time lived in the world known as someone's everything. People existed and breathed day-to-day hassles, shuffling from class-to-class in an endless cycle amidst peers.

Activities participated in outside of the formal world of schooling, contributed to the formed view of persons by the surrounding world. The release of the newest Harry Potter book by J.K. Rowling, *Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince*, brought crowds of Iowa people to find their literal identity.

Moments inhabited in the extra-curricular embodied the lived student life. A bike accident changed a set career path, people rode lake waves (on account of Iowa's location to the ocean), concerts rocked the cornfields, and toilet paper was a major theme of homecoming.

Yes, people began to recede from the everyday generic qualities, finding a personal aspect of themselves, amidst others. *spread by Shaina White, Rebekka Broeker, David Zorn, and Elizabeth Kirk*



Radiating under the lights of the stage, sophomore Jenny Pray stands poised on pointe. Pray was part of the Point Dance Ensemble and performed in their annual winter show. Pray said, "I love performing because I get to share with the audience what I love to do."



Jeff Hoobin



Justice Briar



Marquis Jones

Amidst

Photo by Cory Gagne

what Summer brought.

Johnston



10 Senior Joel Bubeck received an honorable mention in the youth division for his photograph called "Athabasca" at the Iowa State Fair, in August. The photo was taken at the Athabasca glacier in Alberta, Canada.

National



29 Hurricane Katrina hit near New Orleans, LA as a Category four storm, in August. Katrina was the most destructive and costly storm in the history of the United States. Junior Megan DeLanoit worked with student council to raise money. Homerooms from each grade who raised the most money received donuts.

World



16 The sixth book in J.K. Rowling's Harry Potter series, *Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince*, was released, in July. In 24 hours the book sold over 6.9 million copies in the United States, which made it the fastest selling book in history. Teacher Jay Shackett was one of millions to buy a copy of the book.

Belting out an improvised version of "Danny Boy," senior Abby Lewton competes in Iowa Idol's Worst Singer contest. Lewton was at the State Fair to watch senior Alexis Van Vleet compete in the Iowa Idol. While Van Vleet placed third in her contest, Lewton took home a victory and tickets to American Idol in Concert.



Sliding across the water at Lake Panorama, senior Sarah Reese balances on her wake board. Reese taught herself to wake board when she was 12, and occasionally had the opportunity to learn new tricks from professionals who visited the lake.



photo by Sam Schroeder

Junior Kellen Johnson lights a firecracker on the Fourth of July at Sun Valley Lake. Johnson and fellow juniors Mike Slusark, Joe Pavelka and David Zorn went to Missouri earlier that day to buy the fireworks. They spent the rest of the day tubing and water skiing on Slusark's boat.



photo by David Zorn

At The Car Wash

Ashley Meade '06
Cheer Car Wash



photo by Dan Martinson

Rachel Bassell '05
Dance Car Wash



photo by Ash Kark

Demonstrating the architecture of London, students and parents act as the pillars of London's buildings. First, they had the inside supporters, but there wasn't enough strength to hold up a person by their arms. After adding back posts, their force was strong enough to sustain the weight of a person.

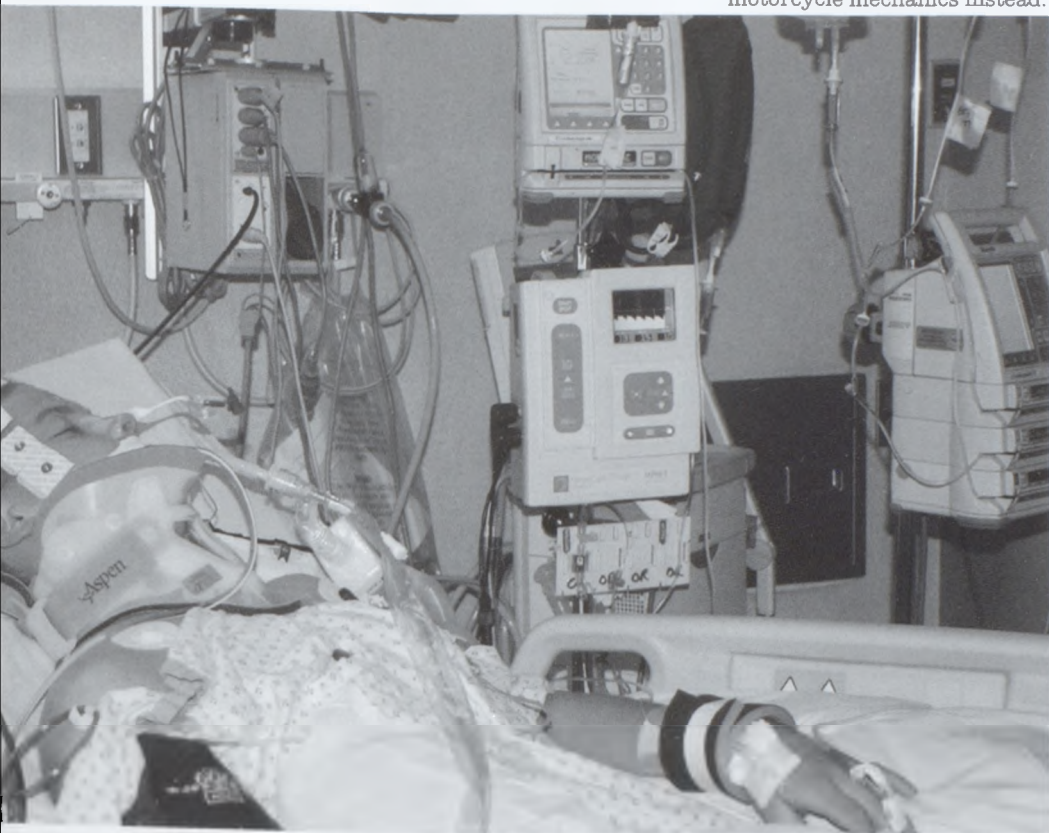


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Junior Scott Bower lies helpless in a coma after his accident. Because of Bower's head injuries, he will never be able to participate in any contact sport, including motocross. However, Bower planned on going to school for motorcycle mechanics instead.



photos by Nancy Bower



photos by Doug Shiffer Photography

Reigns pulled tightly, senior Abbey Gessmann shows her horse, named Covered in Sable, at a horse show in Louisville, KY. Gessmann spent most of her summer working with her horses. Gessmann won first in her class at the World Championships and was congratulated by actor and fellow horse lover William Shatner.

Riding *new life...* *the jump that will never end*

A silver medallion hung down an ICU bed of Methodist Hospital as junior Scott Bower laid sprawled out, motionless. His mom and dad fidgeted in anticipation of their son never waking. Bower said, "Now that's it's on (the necklace) I will never take it off. It brought me closer to God."

June 5th, Bower's life altered physically, mentally and spiritually. Bower and friends junior Trent Belz, senior Josh Coffman and sophomore Ryan Coffman blew off their original plans to go to a friend's graduation party. Instead, there was a new motocross jump at the Bussey Off-Highway Vehicle Park in Knoxville that Bower wanted to try.

He successfully completed the jump, and landed a couple more with no problem. On the same 80-foot jump, Bower accidentally went an excess of 40 feet, which caused him to flip and land on his head 30 feet away from his bike.



Saint Christopher Necklace

Belz was the first to find Bower unconscious. "I was scared. I thought my friend was going to die. He was shaking and blood was coming out of his mouth," Belz said. The Coffman brothers arrived at the scene and assisted in holding Bower down during his seizure. They called 911.

Bower was life flighted to the emergency room where he was sedated into a coma. He had severe brain bruising and swelling. The doctors inserted various tubes that protruded from his neck, including a breathing tube and a brain sensor.

Bower remained in a coma for 10 days, then placed on medications that made him incoherent two weeks after reviving.

During his 32-day stay in the hospital, Bower's mom never left the hospital or the side of his bed. She bought a Saint Christopher necklace of protection the day of his accident and hung it on his bed until he could put it on himself. "It saved my life. I feel so lucky. I could've died or been paralyzed. So I thank God each day for watching over me and keeping me alive. I realized you only live once and can't take each day for granted," Bower said. *spread*
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National



16 Teachers across America had to teach the Constitution due to a mandatory law passed by Congress. Social studies teacher Patrick Hennes said, "The law is an unwarranted and unconstitutional expansion of power."



photo by Abby Weaver

Iowa



17 Green Day and Jimmy Eat World were the first bands to play in the Wells Fargo Arena with over 11,000 people in attendance. Sophomore Nikki Ward said, "It was very mind blowing to be there, since I love the band (Green Day)."

photo by Alle Moffitt



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1) **T**hrowing a spiral to sophomore Jake Highfill, sophomore Derek Reicks helps to get the Little Dragon's football game going. Even though Reicks gave up his Saturday morning he said, "I liked watching the kids play and would do it again, definitely."

3) **S**pecial speaker Norm Kunc speaks about having cerebral palsy. He emphasized the importance of accepting those who have disabilities. Kunc said, "I eventually figured out that I had the right to be disabled; that I didn't need to hide my disability just to be accepted."

2) **S**enior Amanda Kennedy dances the hula at Joe's Crab Shack with the server. Kennedy went with her close group of school friends to celebrate her 18th birthday the following day.

4) **T**eacher Mitch Eagles takes advantage of the new Café Read a Latte held in the library. According to librarian Cookie Cranston this has been in the making for several years, and when new librarian Jane Behren came they were able to make it happen.



photo by Emily Rooser

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Johnston



28 Construction to tear down the 70th street bridge caused frustrations for sophomore Megan Junge. "We have detours to everywhere, the bus route is out of the way and during soccer it was a pain to go from place to place," Junge said.



photo by Alle Moffitt

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photo by Larissa French



Teacher John Harris and junior Austin G. lightly help Pogo, the bearded dragon lizard, meet his daughter Y. The baby lizard was a result of Pogo mating with senior Ashley Zenor's family lizard.

Finding her pace...

Lammers adjusts to new school

The first grueling day of cross country practice had junior Anna Lammers in fear at the idea of a long distance run around Johnston. She had recently moved from Olathe, KS, to the district and was not sure if she would get lost on this trek of a new-found city.

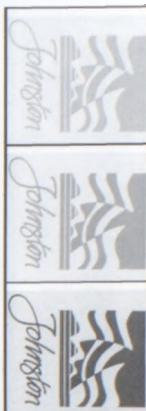
Lammers succeeded and kept up her pace with the pack, making a first impression on sophomore Sammy McConeghey. McConeghey said, "She seemed like a good contribution. She would always push people to do their best, get us through our workout."

Lammers moved due to her father's job transfer, by the Hy-Vee Corporation. Lammers was one of the 54 new students in the high school in the first quarter. She said her move to Johnston was easier compared to her other two moves from Jefferson City, MO, and Sioux Falls, SD. Lammers wasn't really connected at her other schools because of their great size. The district was smaller so it was easier to meet new people.

Lammers' former cross country coach in Olathe, Tony Vovarth, told her of the strong cross country program. Vovarth encouraged her to join, the basis of moving to the district. She thought adjusting was difficult at first, but it helped that girls on cross country, such as senior Jessica Mitchell, were inviting. "Actually, I think I was one of the first people to talk to her at night practice. I was captain, and I wanted to make everyone feel welcome, especially since she was new," Mitchell said. *spread by Bethany Aubuchon, Katie Norris and Abby Weaver*



Anna Lammers '06



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What October Brought...

Johnston



20 Local human service agency, Child Serve was brought up on abuse charges regarding three clientel. Junior Alycia Waterman said, "Child Serve is a good place to work, safety is a big factor in how they train us (their employees)."

National



8 Neo-Nazi pop stars Lamb and Lynx Gaede of Bakersfield, CA, released *Prussian Blue*, an album pertaining to white supremacy. "I feel that racism isn't a problem until you inflict violence on someone. I'm proud to be white," junior Lindsey Cohen said.

World



28 A life-altering, pandemic avian flu spread across Europe and there was risk it would travel to the states. Sophomore Alex Swanson said, "It won't be dangerous unless we don't get enough vaccine (for the U.S. citizens)."

Senior Rebecca Casciato saunters towards Wallace Elementary to tutor English Second Language students. According to Casciato, she tutored two sisters who kept fighting with each other while she tried to, "teach them intellectual things," such as math and English.



photo by Liz Kirk

Senior Chelsea Connelly studies while waiting for her boyfriend, senior Cody Christensen, in the hall. Connelly normally finished her homework during fourth period.



photo by Liz Kirk

Pinning students' Essentials of Art class' work in the glass case, teacher Daniel Weiss arranges paintings to pull peoples' eyes from one side to another. Weiss put artwork from all of his classes in the case.



photo by Grace Meiners

Messing around, senior Jessica Cordes jumps wildly to catch the toilet paper flying in the wind outside the common's doors. The toilet paper was illegally placed on the grounds during homecoming week by students. According to Cordes she did not take part in the vandalizing of the school.



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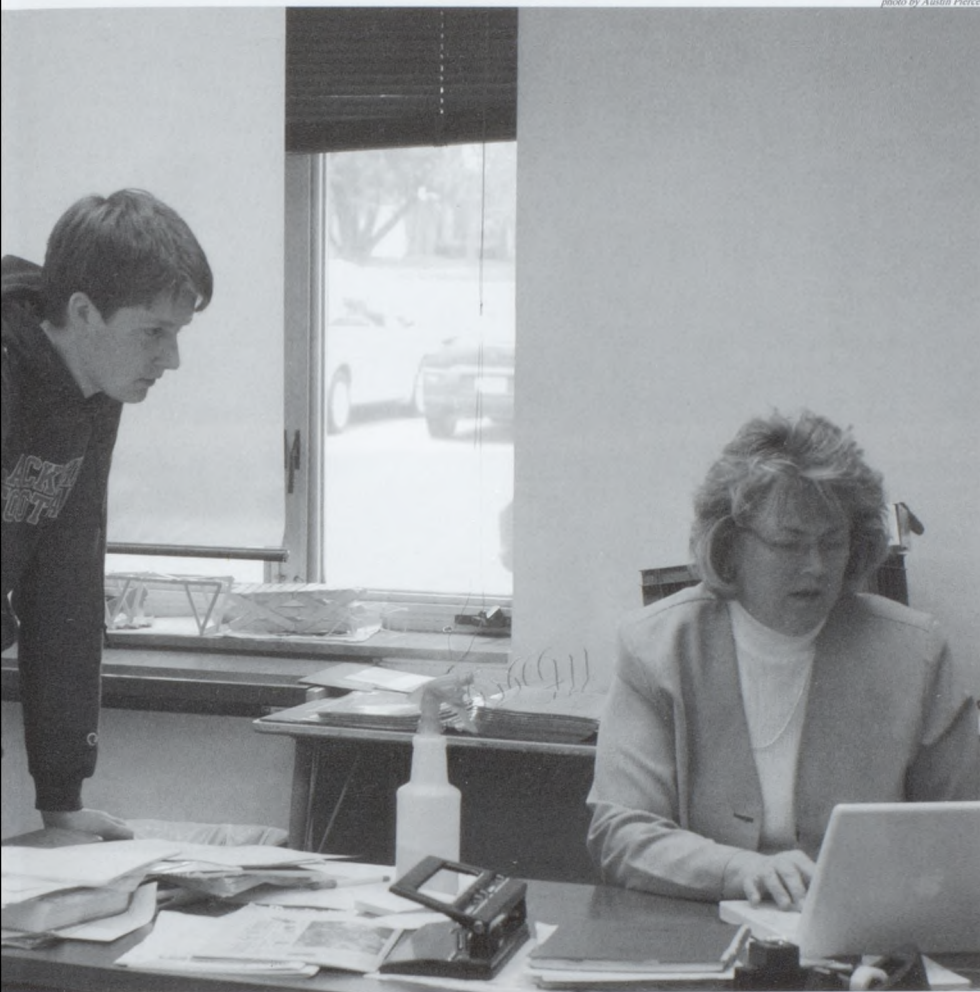




photo by Austin Pierce

Filming senior Keni Schroeder for the birthdays and weather segment of video announcements, junior Austin Kern makes the production come alive for students. Schroeder said, "It takes us about two minutes to film the segment and about six minutes to edit it."

photo by Austin Pierce



Stench of Math...

custodian's efforts for students senses

Teachers' eyes watered and students' noses cringed with animosity towards a wayward stink in math teachers Vickie Borich and Rick Brooks' room. The smell was first thought to have been caused by an air conditioner on a bad streak. Borich said, "Locating the problem was hard."

Two weeks had passed and still no results. Senior Thomas Burkhead said that the smell was "really foul." Custodian Dan Golbuff had continuously tried to locate the smell to no avail.

In attempt to make light of a difficult situation, students made a "Smell-Meter" that they had drawn on the chalk board. The tainted situation caused fumes to range between and over the available digits chalked on the "Smell-Meter." Golbuff said, "Depending on the day and the wind conditions, the smell would be carried through the tunnel system (under Borich's room) to the various classrooms."



senior Thomas Burkhead and the "Smell-Meter"

Eventually the problem was solved. The smell was caused by a sink drain line that had rotted off in the tunnel under Borich's room. The pipe had allowed garbage disposal remains to drain into the tunnel and become rancid. Golbuff said, "The mystery has been solved, I will be doing some work on the AC units, but they have nothing to do with the smell as I originally had thought." *spread by Liz Kirk and Austin Pierce*

In front of the air register, Borich researches a project for junior Dan Haight. For weeks, custodian Dan Golbuff tried his hardest to end a smelly mystery that plagued the math teacher's sanctum which was then solved two weeks later.



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The Cheerleader, The Cowboy and... Scuba Steve

Dress



Brian Lutter

"A lot of them (students), I think, were surprised to see it, some thought it was pretty funny and I think some of the football players thought it was pretty disturbing," teacher Brian Lutter said. Lutter masqueraded as a cheerleader.

Up



Eric Reese

"(My peers) all just kind of stared at me. My sister reminded me that I had it (the costume) from Halloween last year and told me that I should wear it," junior Eric Reese said. Reese went as a cowboy riding a horse.

Day



Silvia Fouch

"It (*Big Daddy*) was one of my favorite movies. My friend's boyfriend had a dive suit so I just borrowed it from him," junior Silvia Fouch said. She dressed as Scuba Steve from *Big Daddy*, flippers and all.

Seniors Amanda Friestad, Chelsea Wenndt and sophomore Taylor Spartz position themselves for the approaching caterpillar race. The girls were on a team called "The Items."



photo by Kiley Dewhart

Painting J-Town gold, junior Emily O'Keefe came prepared in grubby clothes to pump up the football team and decorate the stadium. O'Keefe helped with the first-ever stadium painting, organized by student council.



photo by Kiley Dewhart

Seniors Missy Deer and McKenzie Fisher, and junior Emily Kuster smear shaving cream over the brave face of their friend Libby Reichling. Reichling took one for the team in the hopes that they would be victorious.





photo by Susan Clausen

Sophomore Brady Johnson and fellow "Gladiators" wonder aloud, trying to break the tie for champions of Rock Around the Clock. "The American Gladiators" faced off against "Not Another Teen Team" and won.



photo by Abby Weaver

Sophomore Leslie Ware struggles to keep the orange under her chin so that her teammate, sophomore Kari Dockum, can get it from her. "The best part about it (Rock Around the Clock) was just getting to participate, since we couldn't last year," Dockum said. The girls were not able to participate a previous year because they were freshmen.



photo by Mandy McWherter

Proudly accepting his crown as Miss JHS Football, senior Jeff Courtright examines his trophies. He triumphed over the competition by doing the "clap your hands everybody" cheer correctly.

A typical king and queen...

More than average voted in

Whether art imitates life or life imitates art, one had to see the irony in the multiple movie plots dedicated solely to the cheerleader/football player as homecoming or prom queen/king.

The girl ran cross-country and was on newspaper. The boy took AP classes and was student body president. Seniors Kelsey Dicken and Kyle McCracken were crowned king and queen of the homecoming court.

"I thought from other girls on the court I wouldn't get chosen. It was surprising, and I heard it was close. Any of the other girls could have won," Dicken said.

Sophomore Alyssa Burcham knew Dicken from cross-country and said that Dicken had never been known to be unkind. "I don't know why anyone wouldn't vote for her," Burcham said.

Senior Elizabeth Timmins was on newspaper staff with Dicken. "Kelsey isn't that type of girl, she's very humble. She isn't fake. When she's nice to people, she's not trying to be nice to them for her own benefit. She has the whole package," Timmins said.

"I'm honored the senior class nominated me. It's a privilege," McCracken said.

As the captain of the football team and a student council representative, McCracken had a profound affect on people. According to senior Sarah Reese, McCracken had a good attitude, people respected him and liked to be around him.

Junior Ricky Rodriguez, who knows McCracken from the wrestling team, said that McCracken was a good leader. "He's a nice guy and he deserved to win," Rodriguez said.

"I was very surprised. I never felt that I had that many friends who would vote for me. It's exciting and fun. When you do something like that, you put yourself out there to be rejected," Dickens said. *spread by Emily Roeser and Mandy McWherter*



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Iowa



12 Sophomore J.R. Gray went to the ISU game against Colorado when three tornados struck nearby Ames. "A lot of people went to Hilton; we just kept tailgating and it went around us," Gray said.

Johnston



18 "DECA had speakers come (to the conference) talk about entrepreneurship, stock markets and owning your own business," senior Soheila Yaplini said. The DECA conference was held at the Wells Fargo Arena.

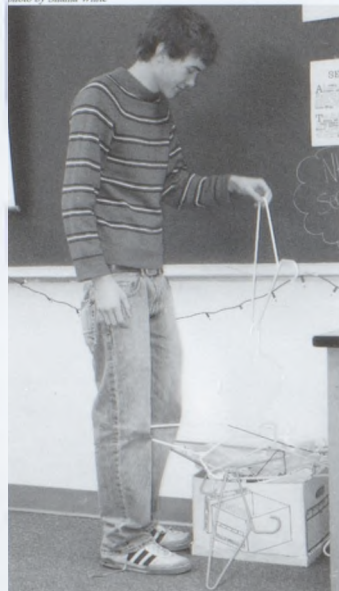
National



28 Microsoft debuted the Xbox 360. Closet video gamer, teacher Brian Reece, purchased the gaming system the day it came out in stores. "I went and got it after school. I had it pre-ordered in May," Reece said.

Waiting anxiously in line with friend, junior Traci Gwinn for the Nintendo Fusion Tour, junior Josh Merrit patiently stands outside of Val Air Ballroom for almost two hours. The tour featured the bands Fall Out Boy, Panic! at the disco, Starting Line, Boys' Night Out and Motion City Soundtrack.

photo by Shaina White



Donating to a drive, senior Matt Meyers drops the hangers into the box set up in teacher Jay Shackett's room. The collection was set up by senior Lindsey Oviatt to help her service learning project, Churches United, which had a need in their clothing drive.

Seniors Claire Lekwa and Emily McPherson work on an article together, while Christopher Gannon takes a photo for the *Des Moines Register*. The newspaper and yearbook were featured in the *Register* in early December for winning state.

photo by Traci Gwinn



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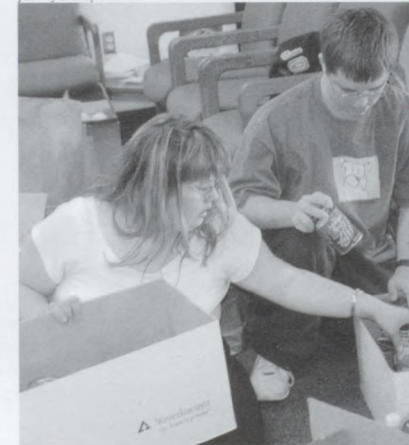


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Sophomore Kate Dicky talks to freshmen about joining marching band. She was sent by band director Patrik Kearny to talk about how being in multiple activities; while still participating in marching band, was possible.

photo by Grace Meiners



Seniors Amy Konz, Nick Gardener, Justin Darling and Abby Green pull Stretch Armstrong as far as he can go while motivational speaker Craig Hilton looks on. The doll represented the stresses teenagers face in their lives.

Graduated senior Emily White and senior Jake Tyler work on putting canned goods in boxes from the bags that students had brought them in. The food was collected during Trick-or-Treat for can goods, which was planned by student council.

Hansons and a happy medium...

how students handle separated holiday

Thanksgiving with mom and Christmas with dad, it had been that way since age eight for sophomore Kyle Hanson. "For the most part (Thanksgiving) feels normal, it doesn't feel like anything is missing," Hanson said. Hanson lived with mother, Lory Hanson, one week and with father, Hank Hanson, the opposing week during the year.

Kyle and sister, '05 graduate Molly Hanson, would spend Thanksgiving with their mother's side. "We always went to Iowa City to see our aunts and uncles for Thanksgiving, we just kept the tradition," Molly said.

Hank accepted that his children enjoyed the familial atmosphere. "Now it's the norm. It saddens me to not have the kids around for Thanksgiving, but you try not to worry about things that are out of your control," Hank said.

Lory gained the turkey feast and lost the following holiday, Christmas. "We just try to go by what the kids want to do," Lory said.

"Their mother and I get along great, (there is) no animosity whatsoever," Hank about the broken marriage. "Kids are coming and going all the time and then they grow up, we just kind of let (fighting) go," Hank said.

Kyle conceded that his parents found a middle ground and said, "I can tell that they don't see eye-to-eye on some things, but that's just common sense." *spread by Bethany Aubuchon, Amanda McWherter and Elizabeth Kirk*



Kyle Hanson '08

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9 Teacher Ben Herman returned after a two-week absence due to emergency surgery in which a part of his intestine was removed. Herman was diagnosed with Crohn's Disease, an intestinal disorder. "I was distressed that students would fall behind and worried that I would fall behind the curve too," Herman said.

Iowa



9 The *Nutcracker* preformed its opening show at the Civic Center. Jenny Pray was the Snow Queen in the Spanish Dance. "I enjoyed getting on stage and showing what we (the cast) worked so hard to achieve," Pray said.

National



30 Two teenagers, suspected to be lesbians, were expelled from a Lutheran school in Riverside, CA. "I think people shouldn't be discriminated against because of their sexual preference. I think it's a perspective thing honestly, because maybe being straight is weird to gay people," sophomore Nikki Ward said.

Sophomore Aleece Gustafson dribbles down the court. Gustafson and others had to come in for practice during their holiday break. Gustafson said, "It was okay. We needed the practice."



photo by Felicia Hoover

Preparing for the ball drop at a New Year's Eve party, junior Courtney Bagdley holds a popper at the ready and a noise maker in her mouth. Bagdley said, "My favorite part of the party was when we watched *The Skulls*, it was a really cool movie. Paul Walker is a stud."



photo by Emily Roeser

Fipping through a graphic design portfolio that Robin Wasteneay and Angela Griner from Cooper Smith and Co. had provided, junior Paul Halterman sits in a career day seminar. Halterman said, "I liked it because I was able to actually learn something about a career that I'm looking into."



photo by Grace Meiners



photo by Felicia Hoover

At a secret Santa exchange, junior Megan Bendixen smells the popcorn she got as part of her present. Bendixen received the ultimate movie addicts package: vintage popcorn holders, glasses and popcorn.



photo by Emily Roeser

Junior Megan Browning helps Bailey Sutton with her weaving. Browning tutored Bailey's class, but because of the holiday they spiced things up by crafting instead. "It was a nice change to do a fun activity instead of attempting to force them to learn the alphabet," Browning said.

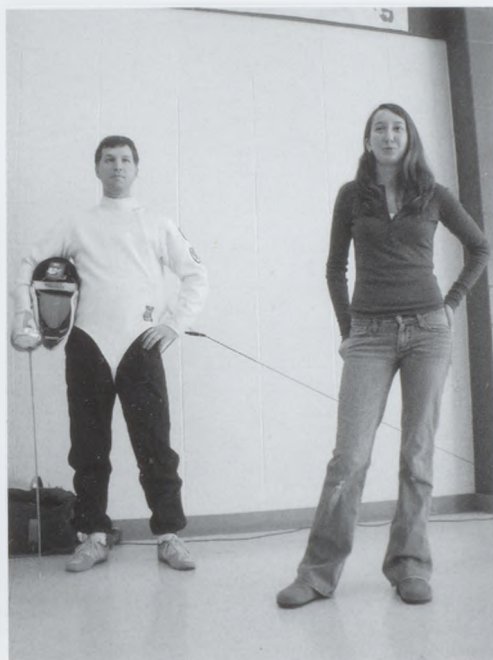


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Junior Sarah Timmons introduced the first meeting of the fencing club. Steve Behrends, a fencing coach from the DMFC, was behind her resting from a demonstration given minutes before. Timmons said, "I was nervous that not enough people would be interested in the club. I was surprised that so many people showed up."

Finesse at its *finest...* *fencing club function creates feverishness*

Gliding across the floor, junior Sarah Timmons lunged at her sparring partner from the Des Moines Fencing Club (DMFC). Utilizing the experience, Timmons thought fencing would be an innovative way to represent high school students.

Timmons fenced in the summer at the DMFC, and said the feat of starting the club was contacting principal Bruce Hukee for a meeting. "I would go in, leave him a message or e-mail him later," Timmons said.

"I couldn't do a lot of planning until I got people interested. I couldn't get people interested until I had (information) to present him with. It was a vicious cycle," Timmons said about the presentation.

Before Thanksgiving break, Timmons compiled enough information to present to Hukee, two weeks after their first meeting. Timmons, Hukee and coaches from the DMFC, Karen Forrester and Steve Behrends, had to scramble to set up a meeting before winter break. Forrester would be the coach.

The meeting was on Dec 21. The coaches attended and gave a jarring demonstration to peak the interests of the curious 38 people in attendance. The meeting discussed imperative information, such as the cost for participants, which Timmons hoped would stay below \$15.

Mary Timmons, Sarah's mother, wasn't supportive of her starting the club. "I was hesitant because I wasn't sure how much of her time it would take. I still wonder, down the road, how much of her time it will take," Mary said.

"I wasn't sure how we would make it work," Hukee said, hesitant towards the addition, but it succeeded in ensuring interest and officially would begin in January.

Thinking of the future Sarah said, "I hope to have other fencing clubs in the area so we can start a high school league." *spread by Felicia Hoover and Emily Roeser*



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What January brought...

Johnston



16 Dr. Richard Sundblad announced his retirement after serving as superintendent for 16 years. "It's sad," sophomore Courtney Coakley said. "He's been a part of this district since I was in kindergarten."

Iowa



1 On New Year's Day, the Iowa Hawkeyes played the Florida Gators, losing 24-31. Sophomore Ben Gass, who attended the game said, "The game was a lot of fun.. I was pretty upset about the loss, especially all the bad calls, but eventually I got over it."

National



4 Thirteen men were trapped in a mine after an underground explosion in Tallmansville, WV. One man survived after being in the cave for 42 hours. "I felt angered they didn't have anything to do in case of an emergency," said physical education teacher Dave Beason.

Preparing for Winter Formal, junior Alicia Watrous hangs a disguised beachball from the ceiling to go with the theme "Candyshop." The cheerleaders decorated the cafeteria with a life-size board game, and larger-than-life candies strung around.

Custodian Dan Golbuff wipes shaving cream off the side door. Urbandale toilet papered the school the night before the Urbandale vs. Johnston varsity boys' basketball game. "I think it's funny that they (toilet papered) us and we ended up winning (60-55) in the end," sophomore Charlie Thunte said.



photo by Cory Gagne

Sophomore Jessica Gambrel signs in at the guidance office to get her schedule changed. "Students always want to get their schedule changed to accommodate with friends or to switch classes," guidance counselor Sue Baker said.

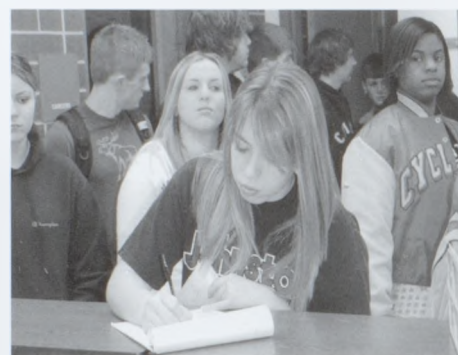


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On a warm January day, senior Jenna Jewell looks at the sun admiring the unusual January weather. On average the temperatures had been around 32°. It was the second warmest January for a recorded 135 years.



photo by Colleen Kinsey



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Out of season football players wait outside the weight room for lifting to begin. Every Monday, Tuesday and Thursday, lifters stayed and worked out to keep in shape for their upcoming season.

Out of the Fog

fire alarm moves dance outside

Hard-candy decorations hung from the ceiling, a Candyland board game was affixed to the windows, and bright paint flourished with the theme of Candyshop. Winter Formal was held in the cafeteria, for the first time, and was hosted by the varsity basketball cheerleaders. "It was my first year going to winter formal," senior Peter Holmgren said. "I thought the decorations were sweet, no pun intended."

While the crowd danced, the fire alarm went off, the cafeteria, the location of the dance, was evacuated. "At first I was thinking that everyone was going to leave, but then I thought it was fun because we were all together on the ramp (outside the cafeteria doors)," junior Emily O'Keefe said. The student mass stood in the cold and rain, waiting for firemen to give the okay to go back inside.

The attendees were unsure whether the dance would continue or end. "The party was just getting started and I didn't want to go home, so I went and got my car and put on a CD," junior Brent Barz said. "Even though it was Backstreet Boys it was still fun." People were gathered outside the cafeteria and dancing to the music, around Barz's car making the best of the situation.

"I thought it was really funny because everyone was singing along to the music," winter formal king, senior Colby Elmitt said.

No one knew why the fire alarm sounded. The cheerleaders and chaperones alleged it was the fog from the DJ that set off the alarm. When the warning noise ceased, the party went back inside and continued. "The fire alarm didn't put a big damper on the dance," junior Rachel Winterbottom said.

Although fewer people attended than expected, there were about 100 people at the dance, but the outcome was positive. "You can take the people out of the dance but you can't take the dance out of the people," Holmgren said. *spread by Colleen Kinsey, Ciera Lundgren, and Abby Weaver*



Cheerleading coach Heidi Collins and junior April Adams.

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what February brought...

Johnston



28 The Johnston City Council proposed building an aquatic center, in conjunction with the city of Grimes. The cities voted against building the center. "I think we should have it. It would be another place for everyone to hang out," junior Scott Fluegel said.

Iowa



8 Iowa Legislature began the debate over whether Iowa should allow the Touch Play Lottery machines to remain in the public domain. "I don't like it. It just gives people an opportunity to gamble," junior Micah Casey said.

National



6 Coretta Scott King was buried in Atlanta, Georgia. King passed away at a clinic in Mexico after fighting ovarian cancer. "I am very thankful that her and her husband fought for my rights," sophomore Ciera Bolden said. "If it wasn't for them I would probably not be able to attend Johnston High School."

1. Juniors Anne Ruebelke and Kristen Strawhacker go to Jimmy John's on an early out, for lunch. "We had gone after cross country meets and the group I was with thought it was a good place to eat," Ruebelke said.

2. Gail Lund, sophomore Lauren Lund's mother, changes the wrap on her daughter's knee, to make sure that the incision from her surgery stays dry. "During basketball practice a girl ran into me and twisted my knee," Lauren said. "The week after my surgery my mom helped me, but I'm a really independent person so I started doing stuff (normal daily tasks) on my own." Lund had to sit out the rest of the season.

3. Senior Calvin Vernon reads while listening to the music group "The Starting Line." Vernon was studying for a government test during his late arrival. Since he had late start everyday, Vernon could study or relax before going to class.

4. At third quarter conferences, sophomore Mike Traxel and his mom Bev DeWaard talk to golf coach Brad Jacobson. "I went to conferences to talk to teachers and Mike went to get extra credit," DeWaard said. "We were talking to Jacobson about golf, and how Mike got new clubs for Christmas."

5. Sophomore Jenna Schissel sips her tea with friends at Java Joes, which is located downtown. "I was drinking this Indian tea stuff (Chai)," Schissel said. After drinking tea, Schissel and her friends headed to the game room to engage in pool.



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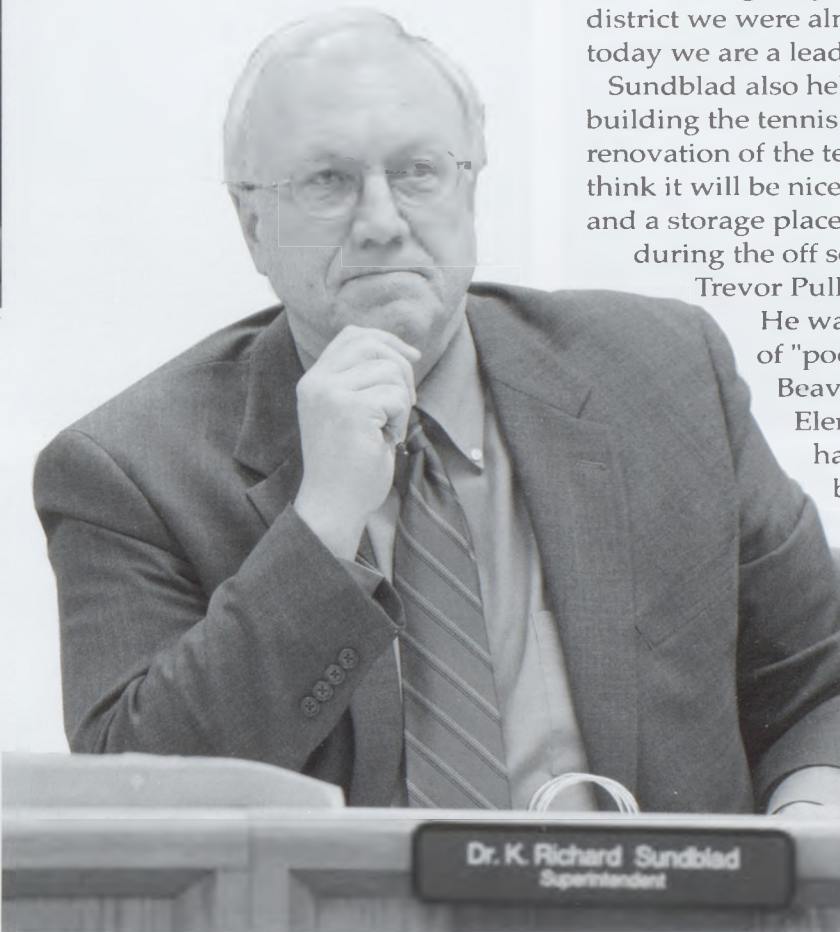
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He was the founder of "pods" or learning communities at Beaver Creek Elementary, Horizon Elementary, and Summit. "It would have been different without them because we wouldn't get to do activities only with our pod," sophomore Laura Hilby said. Not only did Sundblad have an effect on 16 years of students, he also was involved in his sons' education. "My three sons graduated from Johnston and it feels good to have had a personal effect on their learning," Sundblad said. *spread by Austin Pierce and Erin Funk*



Laura Hilby '08

Loss of a leader...

Sundblad retires after 16 years

After 16 years of striving to improve the community, Dr. Richard Sundblad retired from the position of the school district's superintendent.

A large accomplishment that Sundblad achieved for the district was to make sure that the buildings were all technologically connected. "When I first came to the district we were almost technologically nonexistent and today we are a leader in that field," Sundblad said.

Sundblad also helped in building the tennis complex and renovation of the tennis area. "I think it will be nice to have water and a storage place for our nets during the off season," senior Trevor Pullen said.



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What March brought...

Johnston



27 Senior Tyler Buller was one of 102 students nationwide and the first Johnston student to be chosen for the Al Neuharth Free Spirit Award. The award included a \$1,000 scholarship and a trip to Washington D.C. "I was pretty surprised (I won), because it was one of the more difficult things I applied for," Buller said.

Iowa



28 With his father's support, Skyler Bartels, a sophomore at Drake University, lived in the Windsor Heights Wal-Mart. He stayed there during his spring break and was asked to leave after three days. "I thought it was a creative idea although I wouldn't want to do it because Wal-Mart is creepy," junior Erica Eaves said.

National



14 "South Park's" beloved Chef character, otherwise known as the voice of Isaac Hayes, quit the show after nine years because the show poked fun at Scientology. "It's all cool because they took him out in the most awesome way ever on South Park, and bashed Scientology the entire time," sophomore Tim Clay said. "I loved Chef, and he'll be missed."

While on the flight to France, sophomore Michael Lunn listens to his iPod and examines a DVD cover. Lunn stayed with a host family in France over spring break while on a trip organized by the French department.

Preparing for the dance team's spring show, senior Amanda Thrasher warms up by practicing the dance. The Spring Show was the dance team's last show. "Just hugging my dad (before the show) made me realize that it was all coming to an end. It was all really emotional," Thrasher said.



photos by Emily Roemer

Atending Iowa's Youth Training Core for Character at Drake University, sophomore Julia Steggerda reviews applications for the fall's core. The core went to different schools and trained kids about character. "I think that it's important everyone knows them (pillars of character) and lives by them," Steggerda said.



photo by Cory Gagne



Training hard for softball, sophomores Leslie Tinnermeier and Brianne Benson take turns bench pressing and spotting. "It's fun to lift with the other girls on the team, because it lets us all know that each other is working hard, plus we build some serious muscle," Tinnermier said.

photo by Caitlin Larkin





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photo by Felicia Hoover

As another float cruises by, sophomores Alyssa Burcham and Alyssa Buckley at the St. Patrick's Day Parade downtown, Burcham screams for beads to add to her rapidly growing collection. "It was freezing, so I really couldn't feel my fingers by the end, but I had a blast at my first ever St. Patty's Day Parade," Burcham said.



photo by Emily Rooser

Leaning against a locker, junior Abby Gumina waits in the varsity girls' locker room for a tornado warning to end. The soccer team had rescheduled practice for 5:30 instead of 3:00, but the weather was still bad, so the team was forced to practice inside after the warning ended.

Dream

gone

Aerosmith concert cancelled due to singer's vocal problems

Tara Lappin received the e-mail on Monday, March 20. The e-mail that informed her that the event she had been awaiting for over two months had been cancelled; the Aerosmith concert.

"When I found out that [the concert] was cancelled I was kind of mad, but I wanted to know what was going on because they had been cancelling [ticket orders] for a month," Lappin said. "I was really disappointed because this was supposed to be my first Aerosmith concert."

Frontman Steven Tyler called off the March 23 Wells Fargo show because of strained vocal cords and his doctor's orders to rest them.

Many fans were worried that Tyler's vocal cords would be permanently damaged, while others still had faith. "I'm not worried at all; the doctors are going to make him sing all the high notes that he normally sings so that he'll get used to it. I bet Aerosmith will be on stage again in no time," avid fan, senior Amanda Leverman said.

The anticipation of finding out when the 12,000 or so tickets would be refunded was yet another cause of worry for die-hard fans. Tickets costed anywhere from \$70-\$200. "We spent a lot of money on our tickets; they cost about 200 dollars, and if we don't get a refund, my parents are going to be seriously ticked off," Lappin said.

When the news finally traveled around, students were shocked. A furious Leverman said, "I freaked out when I found out. I've been a fan since birth, so hopefully they'll come around to Iowa again soon." *spread by Felicia Hoover and Caitlin Larkin*



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What April Brought...

Johnston



3 Graduated senior Nick Jesperson died from an internal infection. Senior Nicole Jansen of Best Buddies said, "It was a surprise to me, because the previous Firday we saw him and were talking and laughing with him in the hallway."

Iowa



9 Andrea Rider, senior Katie Caldwell's niece, had peanut-butter and jelly sandwiches over a game of chess in the governor's mansion as a part of Make a Wish Foundation. Caldwell said, "Andrea has Cystic Fibrosis, and wants to go to Warner Brother's studio in CA. In the mean-time, she wanted to meet our governor."

National



18 Church group, *God Hates Fags*, demonstrated at funerals of fallen soldiers protesting the military's policy on "don't ask and don't tell." The Patriot Guard Riders countered their efforts by revving their bikes and forming a line between the funeral and the picketers with their motorcycles.



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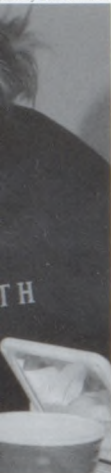


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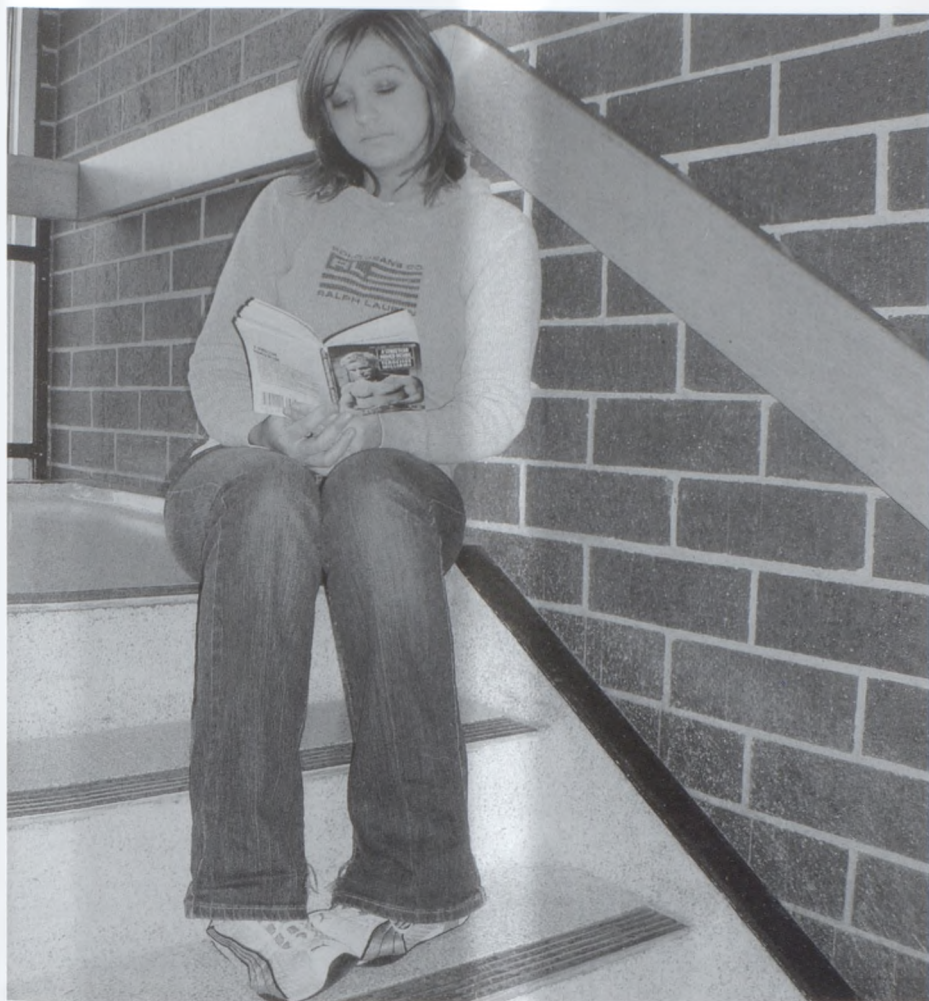


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Senior Kari Neal deftly applies eyeshadow color to her upper lid during a Mary Kay make-up demonstration party.

Senior Alle Norelius hosted the beauty event so that she could receive free merchandise.



Sophomore Lauren Kacere kneels down and poses with Young Simba actor Aaron Conley from the cast of *The Lion King*, which was performed at the Civic Center.

Kacere was there with fellow JCYL and teacher selected students.



Trying on a pair of sunglasses at the Merle Hay Mall Target, senior Jessica Villegas makes a comical face in the mirror. Villegas was there to shop for a friend's birthday present.



Senior Alma Haziomerivich reads from *A Streetcar Named Desire*.

Haziomerivich finished her school year by living with former teacher Pam Barnes. "I would say we are close. They are good people. It's touching," Haziomerivich said.



Flying a kite on a windy day, senior Elizabeth Timmins enjoys the breezy afternoon. Timmins partook in the activity with juniors Alex Guns and Chris Pilkington during a Newspaper paste up night. Guns drove his convertible through Green Meadows West to get the kite flying, while Timmins held onto the reel. Guns said that he had to go between 35 mph and 40 mph to get the kite airborne.

There's no place *like home...* *a newly assembled family's adaptation*

Staring at the mesmerizing computer screen in her new home, senior Alma Haziomerivich tore herself away to look across at her former study hall teacher, Pam Barnes. "We were talking about Chad (Barnes' deceased son) and Pam started getting teary eyed," Haziomerivich said. "It was so sweet. She said that I was a continuation of his life for her."

Haziomerivich was removed from her mother's care by the Department of Human Services (DHS), and placed in a shelter. From there, health teacher Jackie Sapp took Haziomerivich into her home before an extenuating situation put her student back into the shelter. Sapp contacted Barnes who then contacted DHS on Haziomerivich's behalf.

Haziomerivich said, "I had to go on outings (to Barnes' house) and slowly my hours increased. (The outing) was just everyday normal life, I did homework."

Lawyers were called, people argued and a judge contemplated if Haziomerivich should live with the Barnes or Haziomerivich's mom for the rest of her adolescent life. The court ruled in favor of the Barnes, who then adapted to a new routine. Haziomerivich said, "The way that they go about taking care of me is their own personal style, no one else can (interfere)."

Barnes encouraged a relationship between Haziomerivich and her mother, though only over the phone. Haziomerivich said, "No matter what, she is my mom. No matter how hard I try to push her out of my life, realistically she (and my brother are) what I have left." The remainder of Haziomerivich's family, were killed in the war between the Surbs and Bosnians in 1992 to 1995.

"Every day is so good. Life is so much better than I imagined," Haziomerivich said. *spread by Rebekka Lynne Broecker and Elizabeth Marie Kirk*

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Dinner



8 Dinner has long been a tradition for a place to go before prom, whether it be at a nice restaurant or at someone's house for a home-cooked meal. "We went to Nick Reid's house for dinner," sophomore Veronica Roshek said. "It was a lot of fun, people were dressing up and acting fancy."

Prom



8 Prom is usually something most juniors and seniors look forward to during their high school careers; however, sometimes it's not all it's cracked up to be. "(Prom) was really hot and there was no dancing so it was boring," junior Ri Chan said. "It was a complete waste of time and money."

After Prom



28 After prom is a fun, safe way to hang out with your friends when the dance itself is over, without getting into trouble. At this year's after prom, festivities such as a blackjack table and a mechanical bull were part of the activities. "After prom was just a last-resort for my group; nothing else worked out, so we just decided to go at the last minute," junior Sarah Blume said.

Seniors Emily Depenning, Andy Goers, and Elise Mullen gamble at the blackjack table. "I didn't win any money at the table, but I didn't really play for that long either," said Mullen.

photo by Grace Meiners



Juniors Alexa Johnson, Rachel Winterbottom, Taylor Gowey, and senior Spring Kim face off against their male counterparts in battle of the sexes. "A lot of the questions were about country music, which was really easy for me. I'm a huge fan of those tunes," said Gowey

photo by Grace Meiners



Junior Matt Ogren rides a mechanical bull with the intensity of a real-live cowboy. "Afterprom was a lot of fun. There was a ton of food and a ton of friends," said Ogren



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Junior Emeri Sams finds her beat in the midst of the dance floor. "Prom was the first time I'd been to Hy-Vee Hall, all my friends were there and I had a really good time."

Senior Jeff Hoobin smugly looks over his newfound minions after becoming prom king. "I am so powerful," said Hoobin.

Time of my *life*

Gonner gives prom second chance

One month before prom, senior Nate Gonner would have told you the event was overrated and not worth the expense; however, after having one of the best times of his life at the widely talked about dance, he had something completely different to say.

Parents and peers had tried to push Gonner into going against all he stood for. Finally, he gave in. One of Gonner's friends, junior Emily Roeser, was in dire need of a date after her first had ditched her. Gonner felt crummy and asked her if she wanted to go with him. "I was (Emily's) Plan C," Gonner said. "The Monday before the actual prom I just decided I would go. It was a prom miracle!"

After scrambling to get everything ready on time (and being late to almost every quickly planned destination they went) Gonner and his date made it to prom. "We were basically just running around trying to get everything prepared," Gonner said. "When we finally made it, it was amazing."

As Gonner would have never predicted, him and his eventual four dates had a blast. Juniors Felicia Hoover and Megan Browning, and sophomore Nicolette Ward all ended up going to after prom with Gonner and Roeser. "By the end of the night, he had four dates," Roeser said. "Megan's date ditched her, and Felicia, Nikki, Nate and I all switched partners, so eventually we all just ended up together. He said he had (a) lucky tux."

Although Gonner dreaded the highly hyped dance, going was one of the best choices he ever made. "Going to prom was a life-altering experience," Gonner said. "It's changed the way I look at things. Everything seems a little better now." *spread by Caitlin Larkin and David Zorn*



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what May brought...

Local



29 Weather had been running hotter state-wide by about 15 degrees above the normal average, making for a very warm Memorial Day in Johnston. Ottumwa, at a blistering 93 degrees, broke their 92 degree high record.

Iowa



26 Dr. Nancy Sebrin from Douglas county, CO., replaced Dr. Eric Witherspoon as Des Moines' superintendent. "I think they should pick somebody who has worked in Iowa before," Erin Funk said. "They would be (more) familiar with how the schools do things."

National



1 May Day was a commemoration celebration of the Haymarket Riot of 1886, and was nationally celebrated. Sophomore Alyssa Burchum said, "I loved making May Day baskets for my friends when I was younger. Now that I am older I am glad I get to watch my little sisters make baskets and be in on the fun."



1. Pummeling his fellow Wynsong theater worker, junior Sean Calloughn takes down his opponent. A group of boys from the theater would congregate in the name of the game in off hours.
2. Volunteering to clean up a mysterious water puddle, junior Dan Haight mops the floor. The puddle was discovered in the morning by students who entered the journalism lab.
3. Grasping senior Stacy Syroka's face, senior Elizabeth Timmins tries to successfully pass a lifesaver from her toothpick to Syroka's. This was part of the senior challenge that included tasks such as passing a banana from team-mate to team-mate using only their feet.
4. Stepping up to give her speech, junior Sarah Froelich begins with enthusiasm. Forelich, along with other student council members, tried her best to persuade the audience to vote for her at the May second elections. Froelich went on to win the student body president position.
5. Accepting her award, senior Amanda Thrasher is all smiles. Thrasher joined fellow dance team members at their end-of-season banquet. Dancer sophomore Jess Gambrel said, "The banquet was a fun way to end our season. It was a great way to remember all the great times."



photo by Ashley DeHouard



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Smelly end of Semester

unpleasant water rushes into science classrooms

The bell rang. It was the last day of chemistry for science teacher Chris Siewert's students. Siewert was planning on having students finish cleaning up their lab materials; however, in the middle of cleaning up, the dreaded gurgling noise began.

"This wasn't the first time it happened, and as soon as I heard the noise I knew exactly what was going on," said Siewert. "I rushed around quickly to get everyone's water turned off in hopes of preventing it, but it was already too late."

Within minutes water started to seep out of all the safety shower drains located in the classroom.

The mishap was easily explained. All of the classrooms' sinks drain out into one big holding bin, which is filled with neutralizing rocks. These neutralizing rocks help prevent any chemicals from reaching the main sewer system. The problem starts to happen whenever the bin cannot release the water as fast as it comes in.



infamous backed-up drain

"The bin just backed up, it was in no way sewage," Siewert said. "It is just the material that we wash down from the labs, nothing else goes down those sinks." Though it was not rank garbage, the smell made it appear that way.

"It was definitely some pretty nasty water," science teacher John Harris said. "It almost immediately made the whole room smell like a trash can with chicken and shrimp that stayed outside for way too many days, the horrible rancid rotting smell."

Harris' biology class was dissecting frogs when the water started to seep up his classroom drains.

"I was cutting into my frog when all the sudden I heard Amy Phillips screaming something about water pouring out of the ground," sophomore Austin Pierce said, "I was shocked, so I looked over, and there was my bag soaked! I will never, ever use that bag again!" *spread by Abby Weaver and Alle Moffitt*



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what Graduation brought...

Gym



26 Thomas Binner received a \$150,000 scholarship from the Navy during the annual Class Day event. Binner had to go into the Navy for a minimum of four years after graduating from ISU. "I'm going to apply for them (the Navy), so it will be fun," Binner said.

Saylorville



24 Senior Tamara Leaman enjoys her picnic with fellow classmen by throwing a frisbee. The picnic was awarded to the class who showed the most school spirit by attending various games and events throughout the year.

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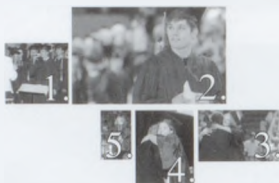
28 Senior Rebecca Casciato struggles to maintain speed on her crutches. Casciato fell and broke her foot in two places just days before her memorable walk. Senior Katie Caldwell said, "I helped her carry her diploma. I walked from this situation with two diplomas!"



photo by Megan Browning



photo by Felicia Hoover



1. Senior Jim Hinchliff sings his last high school solo with fellow choir members. The group preformed *Tribute* for the class day ceremony.
2. While waiting to sit down at graduation, senior Cody Christensen gazes up into the audience looking for familiar faces.
3. Senior Annie Ekstrom embraces her principal Bruce Hukee after walking proudly across the stage in front of family and friends. The seniors had their photo taken in front of an American flag after obtaining their diplomas.
4. Senior Claire Lekwa hugs the retiring superintendent Dr. Sundblad after handing him his plaque. Lekwa had presented the plaque to Sundblad on class day.
5. Crouching down, senior Emily DePenning carefully places the concert choir's memento on the gym floor. DePenning received the Vocal Department Award on class day.



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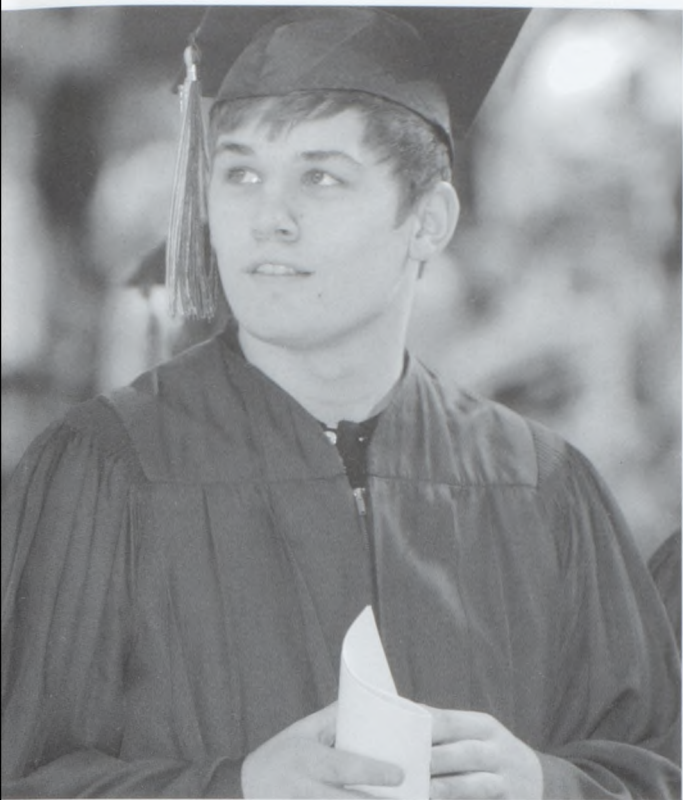


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Senior tradition *terminated...* *spring finals reinstated for seniors*

Bending over a hard, cold desk scribbling answers down on paper that will determine twenty percent of your overall grade for the semester used to be an experience that only underclassmen partook in at the end of the spring semester. However, that changed when a sudden decision condemned seniors to take finals one last time before they left high school forever.

Most seniors found out about a change mid-April or at the beginning of May: they would be taking finals in all their classes at the end of the semester.

"I was more worried than angry because I didn't pay as much attention in class at first because I didn't think we had finals," senior Danielle Larimer said. It was a pain in the butt."

The short notice struck fear into seniors and the frantic search for all the notes taken at the beginning of the semester began. Teachers understood the predicament the seniors were in, trying to sympathize with them.

"We complained a lot, but it wasn't all that bad," senior Emily Vander Ploeg said. "Teachers were generally nice on (the finals)."

Not all seniors stressed about being unprepared. Senior Chane Larkin said, "I didn't have a problem with it, because I had taken them all four years before."

According to principal Bruce Hukee, one reason for having the seniors participate in finals was to make sure that when the GPA's and class ranks were calculated, it remained as fair as possible. "The reason we created finals in the first place is to have a closure and make sure that seniors stay focused," Hukee said.

Not taking finals was one of the many privileges seniors usually received, like not having to take ITED's or MIALT's and going on senior picnic. This specific tradition had thus been eliminated.

"It was frustrating, I would have rather not taken finals," senior Peter Ostiguy said. *spread by Felicia Hoover and Olivia Schiefelbein*



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Gradually introducing a general lifestyle to the young and influenced, high school began to guide one through the challenges of life. People were taking their stands, under the role-model influenced society of high school.

Women were guiding the changes of a male-dominant work community in the Industrial Technology classes.

School participation and clubs kept the mind busy in a television stereotypical teenage realm. Dragon responders gave up the ghost, a young girl followed writing ambitions, anatomy and physiology students learned more about their bodies, mock trial won big, newspaper introduced itself on the world-wide-web, guidance counselors left again, and SAIL members burned their regrets away.

Students developed the abilities and opinions to be the guiders, not the guided. *spread by Rebekka Broeker and Elizabeth Kirk*



Cutting into a feline for the new Anatomy and Physiology class, seniors Tamara Leahman and Matt Meyers remove part of the connective tissue. The class was offered to those who had completed Biology and was taught by John Harris.



Emily Hurm



Angela Shafer



Grant Hayward

(From left to right)



Posing for the group shot, students get their photo taken outside the Weisman Museum on the annual art trip. "While viewing the Kiki Smith exhibit, I felt myself fill to the brim with intense emotions," senior Katie Caldwell said. Students took a day out of classes to go visit three art museums in Minnesota.

Sophomore Shea Morgan-McIntosh finishes her clay vase on the potters wheel. Students learned how to throw a pot by centering and raising the clay. "I (have) never done it before and it was a great learning experience," Morgan-McIntosh said.

Wondering how to express himself on paper, sophomore Ben Muloasmanovic creates a self portrait in Drawing. He drew to keep himself relaxed. "I would recommend taking drawing, it is a great way to express yourself," Muloasmanovic said.



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Elizabeth Timmins



is a senior

Photo Art I

"I love Photo Art. I didn't realize how much goes into making even a decent photo and it makes me have a great appreciation for those who do it well."

Taylor Adams



is a junior

Clay

"I wanted to do something different. Most students think taking an art class is going to get them out of taking a real class, but in all reality, Weiss's class is more real than some of the courses that are offered."

Nils Berndt

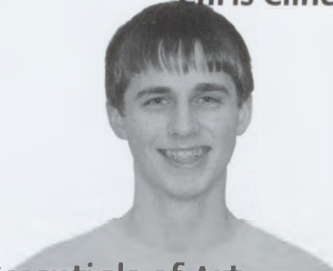


is a junior

Painting

"I think it is good that we get to use the school's tools to do our work at home. The things we normally cannot do without the utensils outside of school we now get to."

Chris Cline



is a sophomore

Essentials of Art

"Weiss would be the best part of Essentials. It's the way he teaches us. He brightens the room up with his sense of humor and pays attention to every word you say and then makes you think about what you said by questioning you."



Neat *Art Treat*

Art teacher finds way for students to contribute

Having a sweet tooth in class could sometimes be hard to get over if there was nothing to munch on. Art teacher Daniel Weiss' classes thought differently. Relaxing in Weiss' Essentials of Art class, sophomore Jeff Bast decided to participate by explaining how to draw a three-dimensional object. Moments later after Bast took part in the discussion, Weiss told Bast he was going to be receiving an OCP, Little Debbie Oatmeal Creme Pie for giving a well thought out explanation in class. "Weiss gives OCP's out for just contributing to the class or anything you did well on. It's a way to keep people involved," Bast said.

Weiss came up with the idea of giving out the treats after speaking to his homeroom and then provided them for students in his classes. "Homeroom is always a joke so the kids said they would come to homeroom for treats," Weiss said.

Ways on getting a goody from Weiss in class were contributing to a discussion with a very neat or carefully planned thought, being on task, or doing well on an assignment. "Sometimes sucking up to the teacher can help you get (pie) too," Bast said.

Weiss had been giving out the treats for two years and believed he would keep it a tradition. "Kids like treats, and life is all about enjoying things," he said.

Occasionally, Weiss would give out the guilty pleasures to the whole class if they were on task. "The only time I ever got an OCP was when Mr. Weiss gave them to the whole class," sophomore Courtney Coakley said, "which was good because the OCP helped me with my sweet tooth I had that day. He would call those days free days."

Whenever students needed an energy boost they could always think of art class with Weiss. "(The delicacies) are so good; anything that has cream in the middle is always good, no matter what," Bast said. *spread by Shaina White and Ciera Lundgren*

Senior Abby Miller paints using a paintbrush in drawing class taught by art teacher Cindy Velline. Students learned different styles of drawing and different tools that were used.

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Danny Fitzgerald '07



Ian White '08



Danny Fitzgerald '07
and Ian White '08

Students develop an interesting dance to show their band spirit

Throughout time, students have all shown Johnston pride in various ways: face paint, T-shirts, cheering along with the cheerleaders. Sophomore Ian White and junior Danny Fitzgerald had their own way. While the fans were in the stands watching the game, White and Fitzgerald were in the new pep band section doing what they love best, thus the band dance was born. "Danny and I both love band a lot," White said. "We both agreed we needed a dance, and so I choreographed it and it came alive."

The original dance, developed about half way through marching band season, consisted of a run, high five, and jump, followed by chanting "I love band." The dance was revamped during the second semester and included a run, high five, spin move, jig, the moon walk, another run and high five, finally topped off with the spastic chant of "I love band," Fitzgerald said. "Ian made up most of the dance but it was my idea to put in the high five."

Many have witnessed the spectacle of band appreciation. "They thought (the dance) was funny, most of the time, or thought it was unbearably stupid," White said. Sophomore Holly Von Fumettl, who has known White since middle school said, "I was surprised that Ian was doing something like that I've never seen him do anything crazy."

As both White and Fitzgerald are set to be in Pep Band again, the band dance will live on. "We will definitely continue the dance until the day we die," Fitzgerald said. *spread by*

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Chiming in, junior Frank Baxter plays the xylophone in the pit during the Waukee band competition. The band's "West Side Story" theme show received second place overall.

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Sweeping the flag in front of her, captain of the color guard, junior Megan Bendixen performs at the Waukee band competition. "The season was scary because it was hard not having a coach," Bendixen said. "So it was basically just me being captain, but we had a good group of girls and it was a good season."

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Saluting the judges and the audience, drum major senior Kelly Albrecht finishes the bands performance at state band competition Waukee. "Waukee was a really good performance, and it was also really special because they had a special performance for just the seniors," Albrecht said.

Stepping to the beat, junior Rachel Bassell performs at the Valley Fest competition. "I felt it was a nice show, a strong end to a good season," Bassell said. "Our efforts really paid off and it showed in our place at the competition."

photo by Emily Roeser

Views of the band members

What do you think about the new pep band section in the large gym?

Why do you think you did better at Valley Fest this year?

Becky Cooper '08



"It's awesome! It makes us feel really important to the basketball team and the game. Plus, it gets us away from the majority of the crowd and gives us a lot more room."

"Mr. Kearney called us all over and gave us a speech. He sat down the fourth place trophy and said that he was going to leave it there, we were going get a better one. After that, everyone was really excited to do a good job."

Josh Bowen '06



"We are so far up in the rafters, sometimes I worry if we can really be heard. Other than that, it's really nice to have somewhere that the band can call home."

"I think as a collective band we had a lot more energy and drive this year. We were more excited to do what we are doing, and we had a lot of talent to back up that excitement."

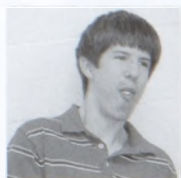
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Grant Jacobson '08

Buddies educate health classes of the challenges of disorders.

|| This has been one of the most successful events we have had," senior Nicole Jansen said of the Best Buddies *Welcome to my World* health class presentations. Although part of the purpose of the event was partially to give Best Buddies more recognition, the real meaning was to help students understand what life would be like with a disability and to help students feel more comfortable with the special needs students.



Hannah Clarkson '08

T he health students went through three stations doing different activities that each impaired one of their senses. The first activity included stuffing their mouths full of marshmallows and answering simple questions such as their name, phone number and address while the other students tried to interpret what they were saying. "It was hard to talk and hard for them to understand. I felt awkward and frustrated," sophomore Grant Jacobson said. The second station had a thick sock that they put on their hands and attempted to pick up coins. The final challenge was a blind-folded maze through scattered, upside-down desks.



Courtney Miller '08
Sam Han '08

A fter the day's activities, the Best Buddies members said they had gotten exactly the response they wanted. "Before it seemed like people didn't know how to start a conversation with them, but now more people are stopping and talking to them in the halls," sophomore Amber Cunningham said. "I think they understand better how it is to be disabled." *spread by Dani Martinson*



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Senior Nicole

Jansen rotates the hot dogs to prepare lunch for a group picnic. The Best Buddies pop can drive was planned for that day, but cancelled and replaced with lunch in the park. "It was a a lot of fun and a great way to end the year," Jansen said.

Graduate Ryan

Bole guards senior Jake Tyler in a game of basketball at Lion's Park. On May seven, the group met for a picnic and a day of outdoor fun.

Rolling the bowling ball down the ramp, eighth grader Tim Gerzma is assisted in directing the ball by advisor Susan McCravy. On January 22, Best Buddies took a group outing to Plaza Lanes to bowl a round.

Careful while decorating his Valentine's Day card, freshman Keith Wiskirchen colors the heart at the Best Buddies Valentine's Day party at North High School. The Hawaiian-themed party was complete with snacks, crafts, karaoke and dancing.

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Their unique opinion

Why did you join the organization?

What would you change about the program?

Kathryn Huen '07



"I have been in it the past three years and had a lot of fun my first year with Molly."

"I wish it was more wide known. I would let people know more about the program."

Derek Wright '08



"One of my good friends is Nik Cook, and so I thought it would be fun to do stuff that would benefit him outside of our friendship"

"I want more student involvement. I wish students would think more outside the box and build a friendship with a handicap kid."

(From left to right)



Concentrating, sophomore Andrew Smith finishes a worksheet for introduction to business. Smith enjoyed the class because he liked Jackie Prehm as a teacher. "I also needed the credits, and the class is pretty easy," Smith said.

During a work period, senior Matt Ness plans out what he will write on his page for web design. Students in this class learned to use programs such as Dreamweaver® and Photoshop® in order to make a professional looking web page.

Senior Rachael Behnke works in her accounting workbook during class. Students were given two workbooks for this class and often got packets to fill out as homework. "I like how it is a class where you can get your homework done, and so you don't have to take it home," Behnke said. "I also think Mr. Weibers is a really good teacher."

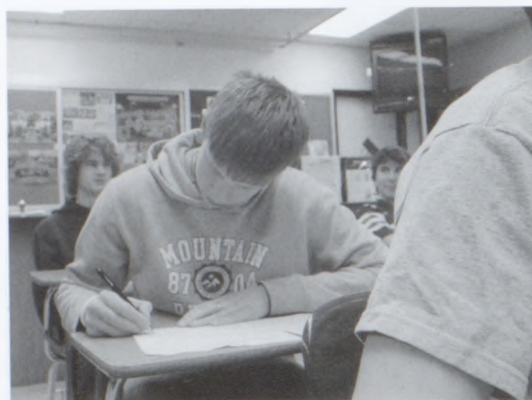


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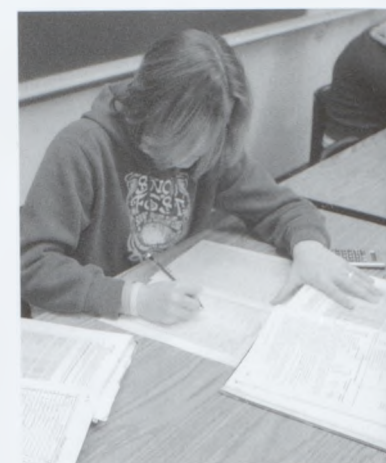
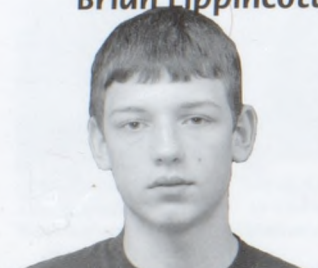


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Brian Lippincott



is a sophomore

Advanced Computer App.

"I took the class because I had fun in Mr. Ksiazek's class last year, and I wanted to learn more about computers. I like being able to learn things at school that make projects and papers for school more creative in the future."

Cicely Gordon



is a sophomore

Intro to Business

"I decided to take (introduction to business) because I know that I will be using it later in life. It isn't my most exciting class, but it is really helpful."

Antonio Rodriguez



is a junior

Web Design

"I took the class because I had already taken all of the other computer classes. I like computer classes because they are unlike other classes. They are much more interactive and hands on."

Tayler Vestal



is a senior

Accounting I

"I took accounting because I heard it was an easy class. I wanted to take it because I wanted to take a couple easier classes for my senior year that would still prepare me for college. I really like Mr. Weibers, but I don't like the huge packets that we get."



Seniors Aly Welch and Nathalie Hurm listen to two cosmotologists from The Sage Tree during career day. All of the speakers came from businesses located around Johnston and talked about their careers.



Lost *and Found*

Career day helps students find their way

The morning of Dec. 7, students walked into the school without their books, excited for the first career day in Johnston. All of the students were excited for the day because it was a break from the monotony of the typical school day. "We wanted a way to do something interesting on early dismissal, but still allow students to learn something during the day," senior Colby Elmitt said.

Elmitt was the president of Distributive Education Clubs of America (DECA), the group that sponsored the career day. "We mostly wanted to help the upperclassmen get more information on careers, but it was also a good way to help people figure out what they want to do after school," Elmitt said.

"It was important to give students an opportunity to learn about careers first hand from somebody who actually works actually works in that area," Jackie Prehm said. "We also wanted to show that not all career paths must include a four-year degree. Good jobs are available for students without a strong academic interest."

Students also believed that career day was a good idea. "I liked career day because you got to hear about a career from someone who has experience in the area," sophomore Megan Junge said. Many students believed that the career day did help them understand what life would be like after high school.

Students in DECA helped set up for career day. They helped sort through and figure out who went to what speaker by using the top six choices of each of the students. They also had to assign the volunteer speakers on each subject, and then helped them find the room in which they were speaking.

"Career day really accomplished a lot of the goals we were striving for," Prehm said. "People were very cooperative and it made for a very smooth, educational day." *spread by Leah Kron*

(From left to right)

Singing and dancing along to the beat, sophomores Kari Dockum and Derek Furrow perform Queen song *Crazy Little Thing Called Love* at the Urbandale Invitational. Dokum and Furrow were partners for only this one competition.

Grabbing a snack, sophomore Karissa Andrews selects a baked good from the refreshment table at the parent reception following the mixed chorus concert. Choir members were able to sign up to sing the solo number of their choice for family members and friends.

Emilie Seda belts out a tune during a concert choir performance. Audiences were amazed by the choir's melodic performance.



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Emily McPherson



is a senior

Innovation

"Being in show choir takes up a lot of time. It's a huge commitment, but performing on stage made it worth it. I love singing and dancing."

Ryan Campbell



is a sophomore

Synergy

"It doesn't always seem like it, especially while you're at rehearsal, but when you're up on stage, at a competition, show choir can be great."

Megan Bendixen



is a junior

Innovation

"My favorite moment of the season was definitely on our trip to Branson (Upton). We stopped at this restaurant where the employees threw rolls at you. My friend Brianna wanted another roll, so she shouted, 'Hey! Roll boy!' We ended up getting rolls thrown at us for the rest of the night."

Jeremiah Keltner



is a senior

Innovation

"I love going to different competitions, beating everyone, doing well. I still get a thrill of seeing our school's name getting closer and closer to that number one spot."



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Demanding the audience's attention, senior Amanda Thrasher commands the stage during the mixed choir performance at Johnston.

Shifting of Stages

four different performances for both choirs

Graceful early risers are far from dime a dozen within the walls of the typical high school, however Johnston seemed to have harvested the few morning people they could find to field the show choir organization. It was a good thing too, as the choirees were forced to arrive at the school, ready for the 135 mile jaunt to Cedar Rapids, at 4:45 am.

For the first time in the history of both Innovation and Synergy, the show choir decided to try something that had never been done before: perform in not only one, but two competitions on the same day. The competitions, held at Jefferson and Washington High Schools would take place on opposite sides of town in Cedar Rapids. Synergy and Innovation rushed back and forth between schools throughout the day in order to perform. "I really enjoyed having two different chances to make it into the finals. For me, that made the trip worthwhile," sophomore Cicely Gordon said.

Students felt that it was a day that should be remembered and that they should keep on going as a tradition. "I thought it was a lot of fun! We got to perform more, instead of just sitting and waiting to see if we made finals. There was always something going on, with all the rushing between schools," sophomore Alle Moffit said.

Despite the all-around enjoyment, show choir members worked incredibly hard in order to pull off four major performances. "I thought doing that many shows in one day was a big challenge. It was very difficult because we went to the first show, unloaded the buses and performed, then loaded the buses. (We) drove to the next school, unloaded the buses and performed. After it was all done, a couple of us collapsed on the floor because we were so tired from our new experience," senior Dan Kerns said. *spread by Amanda Kennedy and Megan Browning*

(From left to right)



An emotional, sophomore Colleen Kinsey watches Oprah. The episode featured girls who had sexually active relationships with almost one-hundred men. "It was a deadline night in the journalism lab and I wanted to leave, but the editors wouldn't let me. So I decided to turn on the (television) and watch Oprah. It was really sad to see what the girls were doing," Kinsey said.

During a hard day's work, sophomore Emily Bates keeps cool while working at The Coldstone Creamery. She was preparing to give a cup of ice cream to a customer. Bates said, "I really enjoy working here. I (use my) money (to) go out with my friends and save for a car."

Replacing his spare for a different tire, sophomore, Jeremy Biggs makes the change with no past experience. "I hit something in the road, so I had to put the spare on at school. When my mom had the time, we went to the store to get my old tire that had (been fixed). (There) was a hole in it," Biggs said.



M'Hamed Kouidmi



is a senior

El Rodeo

"Since I discovered Mexican food this year in the U.S. (on and early out), I became crazy about the food. Also, the taste of a new culture is great. The only time my friends and I (eat) Mexican food is when we got out early. We go to El Rodeo, El Mariachi, and all new Mexican restaurants that open up."

Megan Kightlinger



is a senior

Okoboji grill

"We go to Okoboji grill (on early outs) because it's good food, (and) it is convenient for my friends and I. It is fast service and they have really good prices. I really like the atmosphere at Okoboji because it is friendly."



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Courtney Badgley

is a junior



Quiznos

"My friends and I go to a Quiznos, because it is close and fast on early out days. Some of us don't have a lot of time to eat because we all go to work after school. My favorite sub is the turkey sandwich, but over all the food is fabulous. There is nothing there that I don't like."

Ryan Campbell

is a sophomore



McDonald's

"My friends and I usually go to McDonald's or to Burger King. Sometimes we go to the Okoboji Grill, but that takes too long (and) it will take our early out away if we go there. We go somewhere fast so that we can go play soccer."



During a session to teach the student body about the importance of personal health, senior Calvin Vernon plays the dice game. The goal: to roll sixes, and to learn about how to deal with stress. The sessions were held during an early out day and took up the entire morning before dismissal.

photo by Grace Meiners

New Early Out

What the recent schedule brings to mind

The change from a two-hour to a three-hour early release riled parts of the student body, while others let it slide. "It's (having class on an early out day) kinda pointless, the teachers make you do busy work, but you don't have enough time because the days and periods are so short to do anything productive," junior Hannah Levine said. "Sometimes there are quizzes, but there isn't enough time to do anything else in class. They don't want to waste another regular day doing it (the quizzes)."

Assistant Superintendent Jim Casey said that the district moved to fewer early dismissals to help reduce the number of disruptions to the students' academic day. The new schedule allowed teachers to have more time to focus on the training. "There isn't that big of a change," junior Klay Queck said. "The hour difference doesn't matter, the schedule is something different."

Casey agreed that while teacher-to-teacher interaction was high on early dismissal days, teacher-to-student interaction was low. He thought that teachers working together was beneficial for the school district.

Having the early out days shorter meant students did not learn as much because teachers do not have enough time to teach. "The teachers at our school do not do much to help us learn on early outs," junior Brianna Upton said. "They just kinda sit in class and let us do school work or whatever we want to do." Teachers do not have time to do anything like give quizzes or busy work. Teachers let students talk and have study hall for the 20 minutes, because there is simply no time. *spread by Amanda Kennedy and Olivia Schiefelbein*

(From left to right)

Processing a response to English teacher Cheryl Berglund, senior Missy Higgins answers questions about *The Pearls of Being a Wildflower*. Higgins said about Reading Lab, "It was nice because you really didn't have to do anything, you got the time to read."

Meticulously fingering the coins in her hand, sophomore Ariel Landwehr examines the pieces for sophomore English with teacher Sarah Wessling. Landwehr said, "We had to make boxes. It was a project. We wrote papers about World War II (and) the book *Night*. It had to be authentic. My group did a box about what they buried in the ground, Euros (and such)."

English teacher, Melissa White answers a question of junior Kim Wiratsorn in their experiences in writing class. White came to the district in her sixth year of teaching from N.C.. White said, "It's (experiences in writing) a paperless-class, where they do all of the drafting on the computer. Sometimes it's frustrating. It's hard to teach in that setting, because the students are distracted by the computer."



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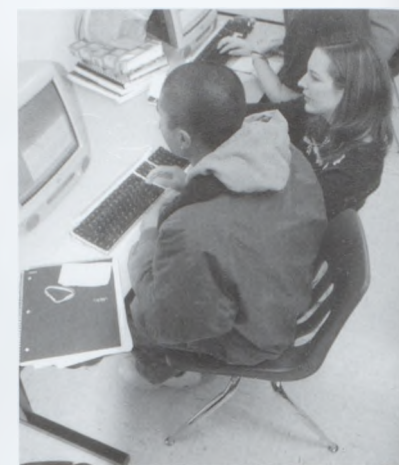


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Nick Ligouri

is a sophomore

Speech

"I think speech stinks. I dislike having to get up in front of 29 people and talk about things that I don't even know about. It won't affect me in anyway, so there's no point."

Lauren Thompson

is a senior

AP English

"Wessling is too smart for her own good. Everything I do is wrong. I think something is good and it's not, (yet the class) helps me look at different parts of text to analyze it. (The class) opened my eyes to new ways to read when I can't figure it out."

Emily Vander Ploeg

is a senior

Experiences in Writing

"The class is hard because you have to write everything during class (time), but it's fun because we have time to just mess around. It's sweet, there's no homework, (but) some of the assignments are frustrating. Right now (we have) to write about ice cream."

Orion Hamilton

is a sophomore

Read 180

"I think it's beneficial to poor readers, (learning) how to read fluently. You get two easy credits and meet new friends, like (sophomore) Brian Davidson. He's a cool cat, it's just him, an emo kid. How can you not like a kid like that?"




Sophomore Molly Suddeth rehearses her long-in-effort play with co-actors, seniors Megan Danielson and Kristen Fortney. Molly planned to be a screenwright, taking in the footsteps of her uncle, Greg Suddeth. Molly said, "I like to not just meet the minimum, really think about it and find out more about myself."

Influenced

Family Fortune

is inherited through writing-talented bloodline



Crunch! My heart skipped a beat. I felt dizzy. My knuckles were white from gripping the steering wheel. I realized what happened. I was in a car accident. Mom was talking to me, her words like gibberish. She told me to get out and I made a bee-line to the sidewalk and sat down immediately. What happens next, police? I began to sob, my whole body heaving. I felt so meek, all I could do was look up and cry. -excerpt from Molly Suddeth

Sophomore Molly Suddeth came into the family prospective of creativity through her artsy mother, grammar correct father, playwright uncle and various pieces of literature from V.C. Andrews, Silvia Plath and Celia Rees. Suddeth said, "I read, a lot. I read when I'm blocked. When I read, I think about writing, it's kind of weird."

Suddeth was an established student hoping to take drama, advanced composition and creative writing. Suddeth wanted to succeed as a playwright much like her uncle, Gregg Suddeth. Molly said, "My uncle gets to create a world and have people react the way he wants them to, manipulate who they are."

Gregg lived in Los Angeles, CA., and wrote local plays such as *Angel Feathers* and known flicks such as *Prehysteria* and *Pet Shop*. Gregg had aggravations with actors in his plays. Molly said, "He had to work with them, because they were talented, (yet) they had clashing personalities. Even if (they) don't get along, sometimes someone can express your words well."

Molly reiterated that reading was the true effect on her life. Molly said, "When I was little she (mom: Vickie Suddeth) would always read to me, because I didn't read very well. She read to me and I read to her. She got challenging things for me and my vocabulary grew. People express themselves, and I want to learn how to express myself." *spread by Elizabeth Kirk*

(From left to right)



Sophomores Holly Von Fumetti and Becky Cooper attempt to navigate their way through Central Presbyterian Church for a French extra credit opportunity. Students could attend French organist Pierre Pincemaille's concert and receive twenty extra credit points.

Assembling her first semester final project for French III, sophomore Lauren Lund flips through the pages of her text book. Lund said, "It was really nice to have a project as a final because I had more control over my grade and when I worked on (the project)."

Working away in Spanish teacher Nora Olguin's class, junior Danny Cahill concentrated on his Spanish grammar. Cahill said of Olguin, "Sometimes it really seems like she's from another country and speaking a different language."



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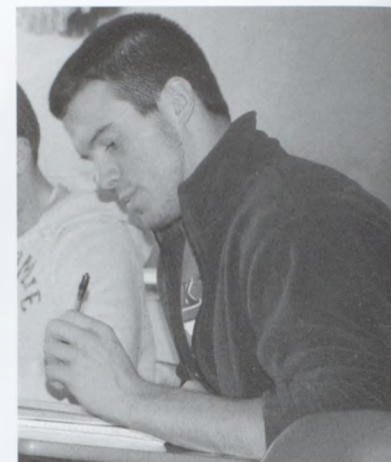


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Lauren Doherty



is a sophomore

Spanish II

"I'm taking Spanish so that I'll be able to talk to my aunt (who also speaks Spanish). I'll (also) be able to speak with the lady I work with at Quizno's. You hear a lot of Spanish around, and I want to be able to understand."

Michelle Wallace



is a sophomore

French III

"When I went to Europe the summer after my freshman year, (our group) only spent a week in France. I was really sad to leave since the scenery was so gorgeous, so I really want to go back during college or later on to spend more time there."

Emily Kuster



is a junior

Spanish IV

"There is a lot more focus on talking and being able to talk in (Spanish IV). We do more skits and learn more grammar. It would be fun if you want to study abroad. If you haven't taken a foreign language, you can't do that."

Alex Kron



is a senior

AP French

"I am considering taking French during my freshman year of college, so I took AP French to keep my options open and see if I actually do want to take French in college."



photo by David Zorn

Before entering a coal mine museum in Saint-Étienne, France, senior Calvin Vernon dons a hard hat. Students got a chance to put their language skills to use while staying with French host families and touring the town's local landmarks.

Students *Travel Abroad*

French students get a taste of culture

It was not until sophomore, French III student Sammy McConeghey was standing in a classroom in Saint-Etienne, France, surrounded by French students that she truly realized she was not in the U.S. anymore. "It's so different," McConeghey said. "The way they conduct their school classes and how (the students) are all so much better at speaking English than any of us are at French."

McConeghey was one of fourteen students to travel to France over spring break with French teachers Mary Moermund and Kristin Chipps. Students separated to stay with French families in Saint-Etienne for six days, then traveled to Paris for three days as a group. In Saint-Etienne they visited English classes at the local high school to talk to students.

Junior Katie Luksetich visited three different high school English classes, but didn't feel comfortable administering English corrections to French strangers, "The first teacher wanted us to do work and correct the students' English. I didn't think it was appropriate (to correct) students my own age, so I didn't."

The students reunited to tour and stay in Paris. "It was fun seeing everyone after the first week (in Saint-Etienne)," Luksetich said. "Some people were really relieved to be speaking English again."

The group hit the classic Parisian tourist spots, such as the Eiffel Tower, Notre Dame and the Arc de Triomphe. Sophomore Maddie Fiedler was not as impressed with the monuments as she was with the cuisine, "The monuments didn't amaze me, but the food was so good. I love French food." Students enjoyed French snacks such as fruit tarts and crepes.

While some students were on a beach, fourteen French students were dining in France, yet there were no regrets on missing out on a tan. Fiedler said, "I will definitely remember this trip years from now. I really hope I go back." *spread by Cory Gagne*

(From left to right)



Sophomores Darin Davis and Jake Highfill work on their projects in Woodworking. Part of the course requirements for the class were completing two projects each semester, both of which were chosen by the student.

Lost in his work, sophomore Jason Palmer screws in the details on his engine. Each student received his/her own engine to work on. Students were also taught about combustion history and different career opportunities

Operating the sander, senior Cody Christensen slaves away at his project for Woodworking I. Christensen was creating a bread storage unit for his final part of the class.



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Charlie Thuente



is a sophomore

Architectural Drafting

"This is my favorite class of the day. I really enjoy doing something I like and getting graded on it. It makes it worth my time."

Lindsey Mabe



is a junior

Woodworking I

"I love this class because it teaches practical skills. I want to continue building things my whole life. My favorite part is the open projects and how we get to do what we want."



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Tine Schempp



is a junior

Small Engines

"I'm taking small engines because I have an older car and I want to be able to work on it and fix it myself. (If I can't) my dad and grandpa will make fun of me."

Kyle Sievers



is a sophomore

Welding

"Welding sounded like fun. I take two industrial tech. classes a day, and I think welding is more fun than small engines. You can do as much (welding) as you want."



New to the district, Josh Heyer helped his student, senior Leonardo Mia, decipher directions. "I like the students and staff here," Heyer said.



Girls *Choose Tech.*

courses start to attract different students

Looking around the Industrial Technology lab, it was expected to see boys hard at work. People did not presume to see three girls boldly administering advice, using tablesaws and manipulating drill presses with the boys. Sophomore Becky Cooper said, "Mostly guys are helpful. They think we're pathetic, (but) mostly they don't make too much fun of us."

Sophomore Isabelle Leysens took a drafting class freshman year and found something she liked in it. Leysens didn't want to be an architect, yet she decided to try Architectural Drafting her sophomore year. Leysens said, "I liked drawing the house plans (in General Drafting) so I took (Architectural Drafting) as kind of an experiment."

Teachers Mitch Eagles and Heyer thought Industrial Tech. classes were useful throughout anyone's life. "If girls want to pursue Industrial Tech. after high school, they could do anything that guys could. They probably have more opportunities because there would be better equality in the industry," Heyer said.

Both Heyer and Eagles were new to the district, replacing teachers Mike Modlin and Ryan Mayer. Eagles said, "The students and staff here are great. There's no comparison (to other schools)."

Senior Megan Kightlinger wanted to be an architect and thus took Graphic Communications. She said, "I would recommend Industrial Tech because it's a lot of fun. It's not as computer literate as people think."

Becky Cooper recommended Industrial Tech. to both girls or boys. "It's something different to do. It's not your normal academic class. You have to be creative," Cooper said. *spread by Cory Gagne*

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(From left to right)



Filming a segment which appeared on an announcement during homeroom, senior Keni Shroeder records junior Frank Baxter at the Pepsi machine. Each video production class produced a video announcement for two different homerooms during the first semester.

Studying a yearbook design guide in journalism class, sophomore Jenna Willson learns about the makings of a good yearbook page. "It's a lot harder than I first thought; you can't just slap pictures down on the page. Every part of the page has to be planned out," Willson said.

Sophomore Alyssa Patten edits a segment for Video Production class. While editing, the students were able to add music with Apple's Garage Band. This program allowed them to produce their own music for announcements and other assignments.



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Kelsey Hyde

is a junior

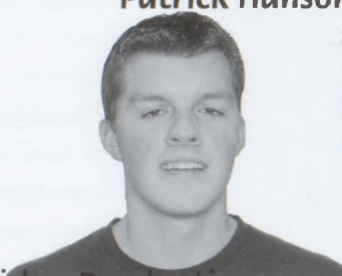


Journalism

"With the freshmen girls googling over Sam Shroeder and pounding on the J-lab windows calling his name, how would journalism not be a great time?"

Patrick Hanson

is a senior



Video Production

"Filming introductions are always fun. We would get together and film each other doing funny things. We had one introduction at the baseball fields where we had this kid up at bat and we made it look like he hit it over the fence."

Nate Gonner

is a senior



Radio, Television and Film

"For since I can remember, I have wanted to be involved in something in sports media. My radio show at Central Campus allows me to show my passion for sports without having to play them and make a damn fool of myself."

Shauna Polen

is a freshman




Journalism

"In journalism, you have to juggle more assignments at one time than in other classes. They're not spoon feeding you like in other classes. It's more like the real world where they give you deadlines and you have to meet them."



Lounging on a chair, junior Michael Skeens delivers the daily announcements to the school. "As an anchor, I truly enjoyed being in front of the camera. I'm not a very social person, so I think that being on camera in front of the school helped me with that," Skeens said.



Shout-outs *lose fishiness*

A project turns more important than goal

When Video Production teacher Tim Brickley gave his class the idea of adding a pet fish to the video announcement anchor crew, junior T.K. Kanauss began to innovate. "At first when I heard the idea of having a fish, I immediately thought that we could have some fun with raffling off names for the fish," Kanauss said.

The class needed a way of raising the funds for the fish, bowl and food. In order to solve this problem, Brickley suggested selling shout-outs. Shout-outs were approximately 15 seconds of airtime in which various students could greet other students. Brickley got this idea from *Best Practices*, a DVD from the Student Television Network which featured the best video announcements from American high schools. Kanauss was given the assignment of being in charge of the shout-outs.

Soon, the fish was in the background as the shout-outs took center stage. As the class began to accumulate money, the students thought of other ways to spend it, and the fish was soon forgotten.

Although the class was not sure what they would spend the money on, the shout-outs became a weekly addition to the video announcements, appearing every Thursday during second semester. Kanauss soon found out that the shout-outs were very consuming. His responsibilities included finding people who were willing to pay \$.25 for a single shout-out or \$.50 for multiple people, and then filming and editing the greeting to their friends. He soon found out more about the student body than he wanted. "The project became very annoying when people tried to get swear words and references to nasty things in (the shout-outs)," Kanauss said. "People think they can say anything if they give you money."

Midway through the second semester, a different student was welcomed into the shout-out responsibility. Junior Micah Casey took over Kanauss's spot when the class assignments changed. "I liked going around and filming them. It was funny to hear people give shout-outs," Casey said.

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(From left to right)



Mrs. Borich reviews homework answers on the overhead for her Algebra II class. "I don't like it when math teachers read off the answers, I like seeing it on the overhead and correcting it at my own pace," junior Dan Haight said.

Sophomore Nathaniel Heller firmly plants his feet into the ground while he completes a geometric equation involving triangles. "I don't usually have a problem participating in class, some kids freak out and get nervous when they do problems on the board, but I'm fine," Heller said.

Junior Nate Nuzum glances at the board in confusion after deleting a vital program off of his wireless HUD device. "The HUD's are tricky little guys at first, but once you get used to using them it's not that bad," Nuzum said.

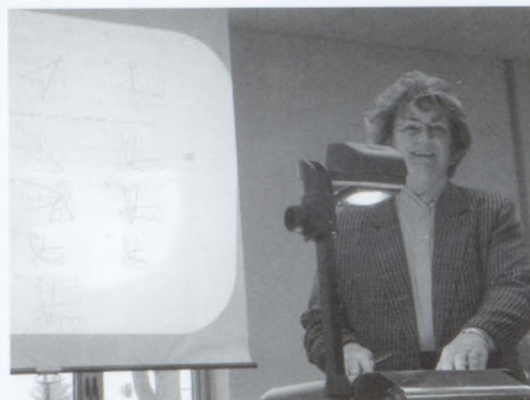


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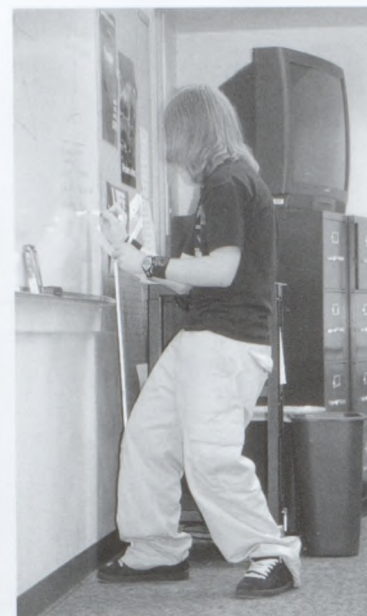


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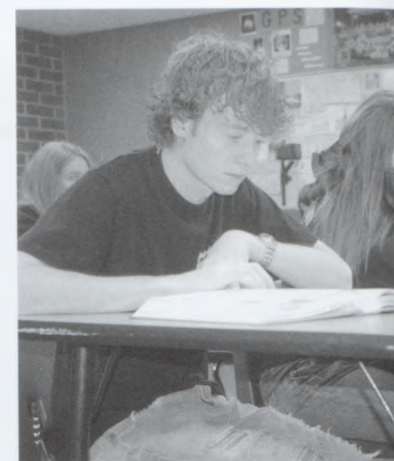


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Alex Guns

is a junior



Geometry

"I dropped out of the class because I had already had taken it, but I wanted a better grade. When I recieved the exact same grade as previously, I decided my time would be better spent in a lunchroom studyhall."

Megan Junge

is a sophomore



Algebra II

"It sucks that I'm in physics and pre-calculus at the same time, because pre-calc is a prequisit for physics, so (the teacher) assumes we know everything about pre-calculus."

Jon Aren

is a junior



Pre-Calculus

"Pre-calc is fun because Mr. Smith's sense of humor is a lot like my own, really dry. It makes a class that probably wouldn't be all candycanes and peaches pretty oh-kay."

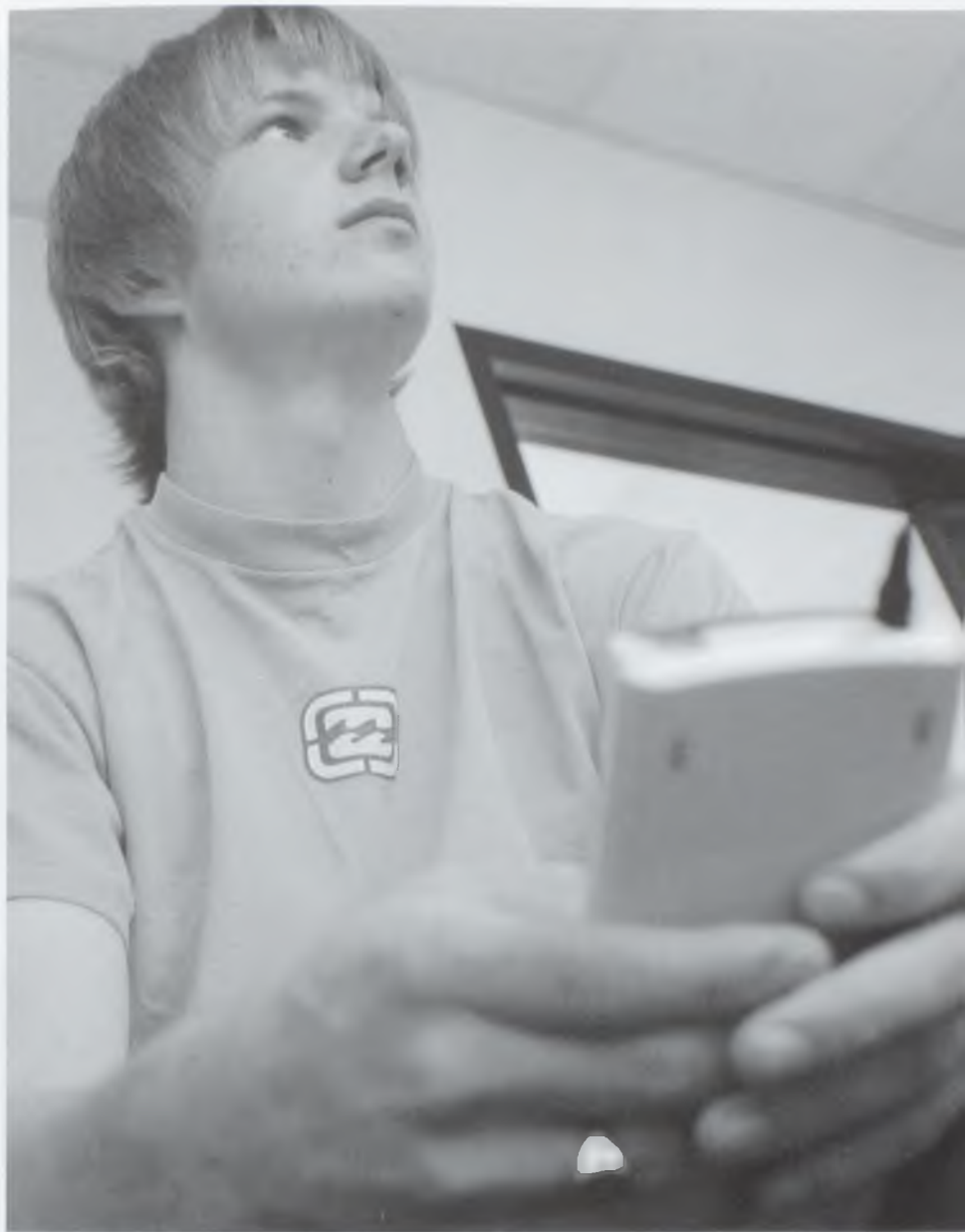
Joey Verrant

is a senior



Algebra II

"I'm a two-time veteran of Algebra II, that class ain't no picnic. You really have to work for the grade, I got a C the second time I took it."



Junior Nate Nuzum concentrates on the numbers displayed on the screen before him. Nuzum took part in learning about the new calculator system, HUD.

Divide, *and Conquer*

New calculators change the face of math

Four students sat at a table around a wireless Heads Up Display (HUD), a device that received and transmitted information to and from Vicki Borich's computer. Each student was assigned a user name and password to sign in. Borich sent equations, activities, and polls. She could project the students' answers to a screen. "You can keep track of who sent what and royally embarrass them in front of the class if they mess up," sophomore Tim Clay said. She could maintain who was on the system and what they were doing. It was all made possible by a grant for new calculators.

The calculators were part of a wireless classroom network, called Navigator. They were funded by Credit Where Credit Is Due, a part of the Johnston Community School Foundation that provides through grants.

The purchase was the outcome of nine days of training that five math teachers had attended over last summer, in a program called Teachers Teaching with Technology (T³).

After the network was purchased, test groups were set up in various math classes. Borich said these were successful because they not only gave her practice with the software, but students learned how to log into the system and enter data.

Clay said, "We figured a lot out. I think they were successful because we tried out quite a few things and they turned out to be really useful. (These calculators) would mean less busy work and more time to learn or get in fun activities." Clay said that there could be downsides to the system, such as the cost and expensive maintenance. Some students were concerned about the calculators' ability to send messages to one another.

"You'd have to be careful during class," junior Jenna Winzenburg said. "It's an easy distraction, and math teachers could get easily frustrated, (yet) it's a good scholastic idea."

Through it all, Borich stressed that Navigator was a whole system with unlimited potential. "I'm not sure we understand all its power quite yet, and that's a good thing. We can't put a limit on the possibilities," she said.

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{Mock Trial}

Madness



Michelle Wallace '08



Sam Grasso '08



Team Purple '08

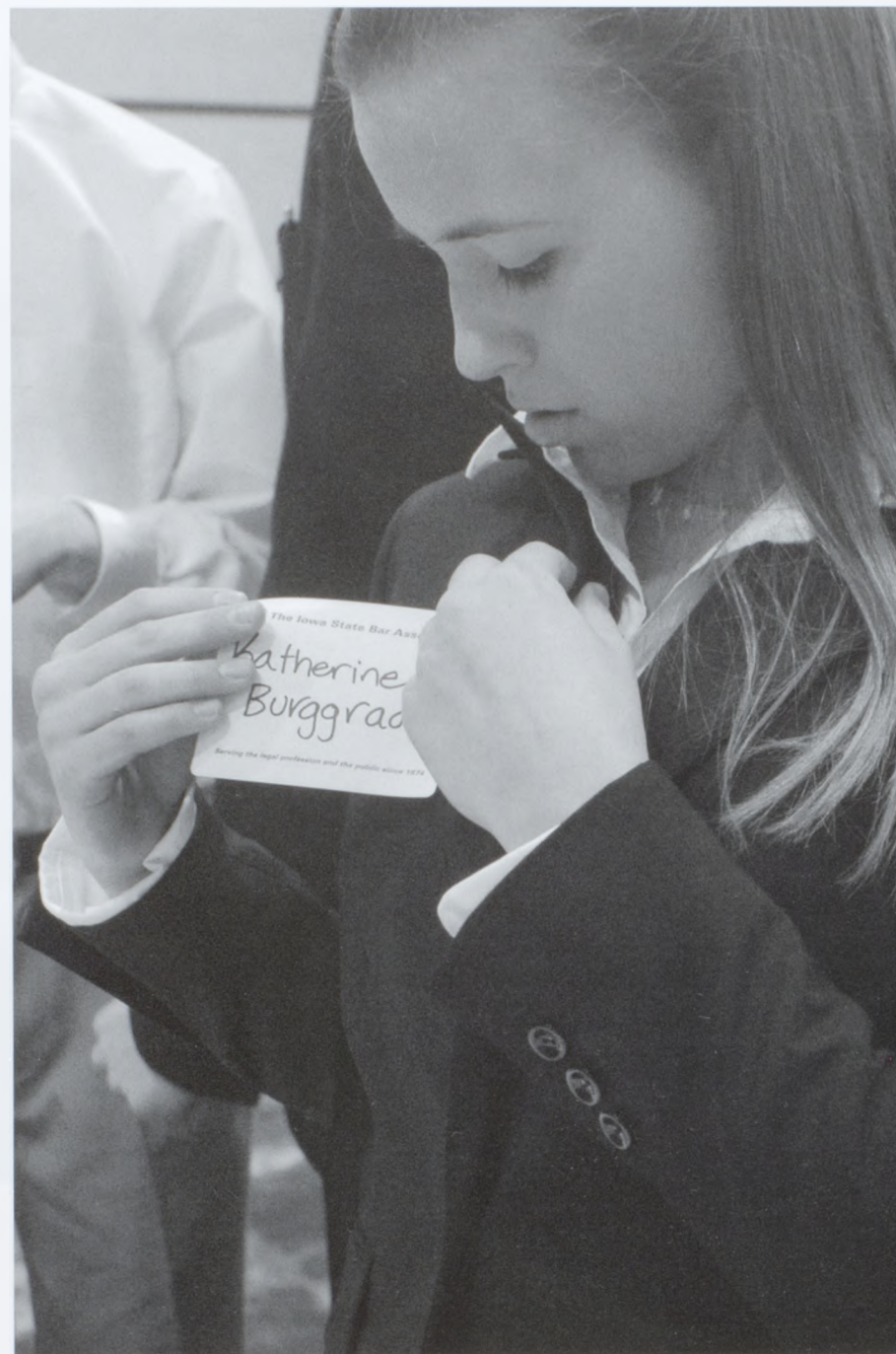
schedule changes in competition time made students frantic

As sophomore Michelle Wallace sat in her desk at Central Campus on the morning of March 16 during her European history, she quietly tried to remember everything in her case. "Our team had practiced the night before and I just kept running the case through my head," Wallace said. The state mock trial competition had begun.

The the state schedule received renovations. Instead of the traditional schedule of three trials on one day judges opted for a two day competition, holding one trial on the first day and two on the second. According to former mock trial advisor Sue Cline, this was to prevent state mockers from missing another day of classes, having already missed a day for regional competition. The attempt at easing mock trialers' woes fell short.

Instead of having short breaks to spend stressing over trial outcomes, state qualifiers Purple, D-Dawg and Check Plus had to spend the duration of school wracked with worry. "I was so frantic the entire day, just trying to keep things fresh in my mind," sophomore Torey Robinson, of Purple, said.

Two out of the three teams that made it placed in competition. Team Purple finished in 11th place. "I was surprised that we didn't place higher, since we only lost to the defending state champs. The points system was not in our favor, but it's a good motivation for next year," Robinson said. Team D-Dawg placed an indistinguishable third/ fourth place, after winning their first three trials and losing their last. "In the end, I guess it was worth being nervous at school since we weren't exhausted during our final trial of competition," Robinson said. *spread by Bethany Christenson and Megan Browning*



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} Filling out a team roster, sophomore Doug Haefe of Team D-Dawg, looks to his binder for answers. Haefe was later nominated by a panel of judges for an Outstanding Attorney Award.

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} Paging through his case binder, senior Tyler Buller takes one last glance at the case before the state mock trial competition. Buller's team, D-Dawg, placed an indistinguishable third/fourth at the competition. "We beat the other team (that placed third/fourth), so we placed third in my opinion," Sue Cline, former mock trial coordinator said.

} Attaching her name tag, sophomore Katherine Burggraaf, prepares for her team, Team Purple's, first trial at State. Purple placed 11th overall.

photo by Bethany Christenson

Pleading for her client's innocence, sophomore Jennifer Pray motions to draw the judge's attention. Pray's team, Team Purple, went on to win two of their three trials at state, losing only to the state champions, Valley.

Mockers Speak the Truth

Were you upset about having your team assigned?

Did Cline's resignation as coordinator affect your season?

Megan Delanoit '07



"I got put with people I didn't like and that had no experience. The entire season just flows better when you get to pick your teams."

"Cline has done so much for us in the past that not having her (around) really messed with the flow of things. Everything was really disorganized."

Julia Zhang '07



"At first, I didn't like that we didn't have a choice. I missed getting to spend time with people. At the same time, I got more work done and improved a lot."

"I didn't even know (that Cline had stepped down) until later. It's not like she was our coach or anything. I still asked her questions anyway."

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{Newspaper} goes digital



Larissa French '07

Winning state let newspaper experiment with the idea of going online.

A win at state usually warranted a trophy or plaque, however, *The Black and White* received a little something extra when they nabbed the title of best high school paper in Iowa: a ticket to the world wide web.

"I was really excited (when we won state). The possibility that people in a foreign country could be reading my articles was really cool," copy editor, junior Larissa French said. Of course the exotic lands of the Earth weren't the only ones enjoying JHS news; locals were able to connect to the high school paper with the greatest of ease at jhsnews.com.



Jessica Villegas '06

"Having the paper online is really convenient. I'm too unorganized to keep track of my paper for more than ten seconds. This way I don't have to steal other peoples' papers," senior Jessica Villegas said. The paper's new availability could be a big help to non-students as well.

"More people, especially young people, get their information off the internet these days. This would be great for kids that are new to the district, parents and grandparents," newspaper advisor Leslie Shipp said. Having the paper online opened up opportunities for more awards.



Cory Chancellor '06

"Winning new awards would be great for the newspaper, especially if they help us to expand our audience like (winning) state did," senior Corey Chancellor said.

Students who depended on the newspaper for a worthwhile distraction in class had nothing to fear. The paper had no plans of going purely digital anytime soon.

"Most things are aiming for digital, but somethings won't change we'll always have newspapers, unless we run out of trees," junior, staff member Traci Gwinn said. *spread by Alle Moffitt and Megan Browning*





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Proud party editor, junior Alex Guns, struggles to blow up a balloon animal to use as a decoration for the Thanksgiving party. Guns decorated the lab after being accused of not doing his job as party editor. "I hated blowing up those balloons because I couldn't tie knots at the end, so all the air came out and I was so angry," Guns said.

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Looking closely at the rough draft paper in front of him, opinion editor, junior Mike Slusark prepares to correct the article. "Rough drafts are not fun because they're full of mistakes, which take a long time to correct," Slusark said.

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Juggling papers while attempting to open the door, editor in chief, senior Tyler Buller carries a set of freshly printed papers to the journalism lab. "It's annoying to have to take the paper to Madrid everytime to get it printed. I think the funnest thing that ever happened to me on that trip is I once saw a lost sheep on the side of the road," Buller said.

Snapping pictures of the skyline, junior, Susan Clausen takes in the Chicago scene while on a trip to the national journalism convention. During the convention, newspaper staffers learned many new ideas and techniques to use on upcoming issues.

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Staff Members Thoughts

Do you think that there should be more review pages?

What do you think about a color newspaper?

Xian Zang '06



"Yes, definitely, because I think that the review content is what a high school audience will most likely want to read."

"I think that we could do some really cool design effects if the newspaper was in color. However, I don't really want to sell ads, so I don't see it happening anytime soon."

Elise Mullen '06



"I think we should have more review pages because its a good way for students to find out about new places to go and fun things to do."

"I think that it should stay mostly in black and white because it would stick with the name and be more classy. newspapers like that always look more put together."



{History} of NHS



NHS scrapbook

Senior records a year of service in society.

Senior Emily Depenning found out at her very first National Honor Society meeting that she would be the keeper of all things NHS. She was appointed to be the vice president of history.

Depenning was excited for her new title because she was familiar with the responsibilities. "Basically the main job was to make a scrapbook of what happened during the year," Depenning said. "I wanted to do it because I had done scrapbooks in the past and I enjoyed making them." She was required to take photos at all NHS service events and also compile those photos in a book. NHS member Tyler Brown felt that the scrapbook was a good idea and he appreciated the work that Depenning put into it. "I think that Emily put a lot of work into the book and the other NHS stuff throughout the year," he said.



Tyler Brown '06

While Depenning was recording the year, the leaders appreciated her work. A change in guidance counselor duties left the position of NHS leader open. In years past, guidance counselor Sue Baker served as the advisor, but when her new schedule left her no time, she was replaced by teachers Jennifer Oden and Jackie Prehm. Prehm soon realized how much work students like Emily put in. "I hadn't realized before being a leader how much behind-the-scenes work went into all of the projects," Prehm said. *spread by Grace Meiners*



Jackie Prehm



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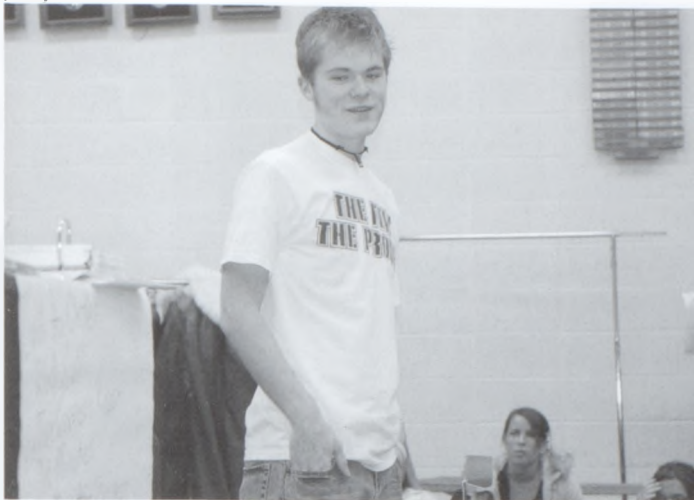


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} Buying carnations, junior Amanda Hatfield gives her money to senior Dani Larimer. Students were required to participate in both the phone-a-thon and the carnation sales along with another project of choice.

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} Fluffing Christmas trees, seniors Claire Lekwa and Kyle McCracken work during the Festival of Trees. It was the first time students in NHS participated in the festival.

} Chatting away, senior Andy Goers participates in the phone-a-thon. The students called people in the community asking for donations for Dollars for Scholars. According to Prehm, they raised approximately \$10,000 for the program.

photo by Emily Depenning

Consulting his poster, senior Brian Underwood leads his fellow NHS members. Meetings were held in the chorus room and occurred the first Thursday of each month.

Their unique opinion

What were the meetings like?

What was your favorite project?

Kaylee Richter '06



"The meetings usually lasted ten minutes and most people showed up late and half the members didn't show up."

"I really didn't do any projects except for the induction ceremony. They really didn't make us participate."

Kate Mabee '06



"Our meetings usually lasted less than ten minutes and only a third of that time was covering new information. I did not find the meetings very productive."

"The project I participated in were the carnation sales. They weren't as successful as we had hoped, and we had a difficult time selling all of the carnations."

(From left to right)



Balancing on a medicine ball, junior Sarah Schultz works on her coordination. The junior/senior P.E. class spent several weeks working with the medicine balls doing stretches and building endurance for different parts of the body.

Eating her potato latkes, sophomore Kate Kutekra enjoys the food of her Culinary Arts II class. Other foods eaten in the lab were blintzs and pralines. The class spent a week or so studying the Mid-Atlantic states and all the food eaten in labs were from their studies.

Lifting her knee as high as she can, sophomore Brianna Stone completes her warm-ups for physical education. Stone was doing this as part of the normal warmup routine. "It's a really tiny class, and I kinda like it. Except that means we can't get away with not working, because Lutter watches us," Stone said.

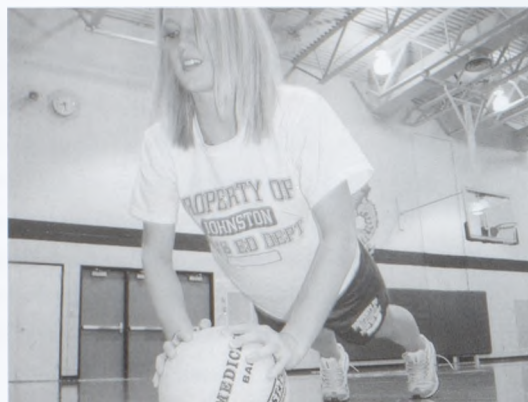


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Ben Schnurr

is a sophomore



Health

"It's a nice class. We do learn a lot, but we never do anything that is fun or that takes a lot of time. The only project that took time was when we had to record all the calories we had eaten and burned in a week."

Larissa French

is a junior



Adaptive P.E.

"This was the first semester I took the class. At first, I had no idea what to expect and I felt awkward around the kids. Now, though, I enjoy hanging out with them. They're all very smart and charming in their own way."

Blake Boever

is a junior



Exploring Parenting

"It is a very interesting class that, I believe, everyone should take. It applies to everyday life not just parenting. I think that wearing the belly will be the most fun, but I am dreading taking home the baby for the weekend because I don't want to be up all night."

Trevor Baker

is a junior




Outdoor Pursuits

"It's a great class and I recommend that everyone take it. You don't have to dress out and everything you do in the class is easy and fun. My favorite part is when we went hiking in the woods."



Adding the finishing touch to her pants, sophomore Britany Muhr irons her pajama set. The class spent a large portion of their third quarter class time on this project.



Out Of Class

Students learn through teaching others

With children gathered at her feet, senior Leslie Crawford read *Curious George* to the children of ChildServe Childcare, a book the children chose. Crawford was a part of Ruth Hamilton's Exploring Childhood class, they visited one day a week for five weeks, with children ranging from two to five years of age.

"When I arrived at the school, the materials were here for me to make contact with the director at ChildServe," Hamilton said. The purpose for this was to allow the class to apply the knowledge of development of the child, how to recognize the stages, and any developmental problems that might occur outside of the class.

Among the students in the class was sophomore Jenna Willson. "Daycare work or teaching is not at the top of my list of career options, but working with the younger kids turned out to be fun and worth my time to take the class," she said.

Each of the students were assigned an age range and class at ChildServe with whom they would work. Students were then required to create an activity, coordinating with the winter season and inability to go outside.

Sophomore Gina Burke helped the kids make bird feeders out of toilet paper rolls, peanut butter and bird seed. "Doing the activity with the kids was the most fun of the whole trip," Burch said. "They loved that we let them play with bird seed and write their names on the baggies that the projects went into." Burke's group worked with the four/five class called the Fireflies.

Each teacher from the daycare filled out evaluations after the class finished its trips. Hamilton said, "The teachers of the class had only good things to say about all that went on in the class rooms. The reports that the teacher filled out said they were well planned and did great with children and projects." *spread by Bethany Aubuchon*

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{Playing} two casts

Miller introduces duet roles



Emeri Sams 07'
Sam Han 08'



Lindsey Oviatt 06'



Evan Stone 08'

Junior Josh Merritt shouted "Line!" Unable to remember his character's words just days before the play. There were always plenty of cast members able to answer his plight, considering the new spin: two casts, composed of nine members each. Students participating in this play were taken aback when they heard play director Paul Miller's new concept for in the Spring play *The Importance of Being Earnest*. The classic comedy written by Oscar Wilde, which required few members, was the main reason Miller chose this arrangement. "I did this to give more roles and to give more people the experience," Miller said. "If there are more people, it spreads the knowledge of play and the things you can learn from doing it, like the language and the story."

The casts were split up into four performance groups, allowing the audience to see a slightly different array of people each night. Each character originally had two members casted; however, two members dropped the production, causing a musical chair theme in the assigning of roles. Once settled, members sophomore Nikki Ward and senior Mi'hamed Kouidmi had parts to themselves, resulting in more work, more pressure and no one to step in if something ill-fated should occur. "Last year, one of our actors was sick on opening night and our director had to fill in," senior Lindsey Oviatt said. "With two casts we don't have that problem."

The play made a good impression on its audience. "It was funny, it was good, it was short though. The actual movie is longer, it seemed like they rushed it, and tried to pack it all in," sophomore Evan Stone said. Whether Miller would use two casts depended on the content future plays and the amount of people interested. Cast members liked the arrangement, and hoped, if it fit the play, that two casts would be used again. "It's was a new experience," junior Emeri Sams said. "We wouldn't have been able to hang out with as many people or have as much fun as we had with one cast."

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During the play, junior Josh Meritt (Algernon) and sophomore Lauren Cordes (Cecily) act out a scene during *The Importance of being Earnst*. "We were walking in the garden, and that's the part where he proposes to me," said Cordes.

Departing the scene, Sophomore Madie Fiedler and junior Austin Golightly (who played Ms. Prism and Dr. Chausable) were walking around and flirting during a scene in the spring play. Golightly had this to say about his and Fiedler's characters, "I played a priest and Madie's character and I were in love; however, they couldn't have those kinds of relationships. She would flirt with me and I would want to flirt back, but I couldn't."

At rehearsal, junior Michelle Cross and sophomore Nikki Ward played "the girls" for the fall play after school. They were in one of many rehearsals and they were still working out some problems, "We were supposed to have a ball of string, and it was the day before the actual play and it was kinda weird still pretending," said Ward.

Play Director

and associate Paul Miller talks to the fall play group. The fall play *Blood Wedding*, met in the auditorium and practiced everyday leading up to the first showing on November ten.

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Game Works

Their unique opinion

How did you feel being cast as the lead role or a secondary role?

Have you been in any other plays, school sponsored or otherwise?

Rebecca Stoeker 07'



"I played Lady Bracknell and some of her lines were really long. She was a strong supporting role. I loved it. It was the type of part I've always wanted."

"I've never been in any outside of school, but I did the fall play last year. I was too busy to do the spring play last year and the fall one this year."

Aaron Lehman 07'



"I was Jack-Ernest. It was a main role and I wasn't expecting it. It was fun but hard because I had never had that many lines before."

"I have been in three other school plays and none out of school. I was in *The Real Inspectors Hand*, *Blood Wedding*, and *You Can't Take It With You*."

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{Forgetting}

past regrets

students smolder significant guilt to start from scratch



Hana Kajtazovic '08

After a drawn-out summer of hanging out with unmotivated friends, sophomore Hana Kajtazovic needed a change. Kajtazovic got her chance after being confronted with her regrets during the Students Active In Leadership (SAIL) retreat.

"Before leadership, I was the one who always would forgive but never forget," Kajtazovic said. "I was hanging out with friends who pulled me down." The act of burning regrets at camp made Kajtazovic realize how much her actions affected her.



Dan Scannell staff

The regret burning and goal building took place on the last night of the retreat. "Burning regrets at candlelight is just a good way of throwing away a regret you have, not letting it hinder you in the future," senior Jenna Jewell said.

The action of burning regrets was appreciated by staff as well as students. "The process is really beneficial because it gets students to think about what in the past still weighs on them and how they can change that," SAIL advisor Dan Scannell said. "I believe it gives them a fresh start."



Connor Elmitt '07

Kajtazovic successfully took all that she experienced at camp and continued to apply it to her life. "I'm still not perfect, but this has made a huge impact and I'm getting a lot better," Kajtazovic said.

As for other students, such as a Connor Elmitt, they left their regrets at camp. "My regret is (going to) stay with the fire," Elmitt said. *spread by Alle Moffitt and Kiley Dewhurst*



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Dishing out noodle casserole, sophomore Veronica Roshek sits down next to small group leader, senior Pat Freese, for lunch. "The food sucked, it didn't taste very good. The rest of the camp was really fun and a great experience," Roshek said.



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Reciting the silly poem they had written about a frog, Junior Frank Baxter, sophomore Leah Embry, senior Daniel Rottenberg, Junior Tiffany Hess, sophomore Kaitlyn O'Toole, senior Jake Garland, sophomore Kyle Hanson, and sophomore Nicole Schoop, huddled around the podium. Small groups participated in the photo scavenger hunt all over the Y-camp grounds.



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Passing the time, senior Cole Anagnost plays cards in Pioneer Hall at the leadership retreat. The rain changed the planned activities and students stayed in to take part in games or watch movies. "Since it was raining we couldn't be outside to play with the football. We stayed inside and played some boring card games," Anagnost said.

Keeping warm, junior Katie Howe sips her coffee while sounding the Salvation Army bell outside Johnston Hy-Vee. Students involved with SAIL and Student Council worked together to raise money as part of the Holiday Blitz.

photo by Kiley Dewhurst

Students speak out about camp

What was your favorite part of leadership?

What did you dislike the most about Leadership?

Caitlin Larkin '08



"The karaoke, because it was fun to work with all my friends and upperclassmen who I didn't know as well. It was just a fun way to meet new people and learn our songs at the same time."

"I didn't really like how the seniors and juniors got to do really fun activities, like the climbing wall and the zipline, while we sophomores had to learn how to build a fire."

Holly Von Fumetti '08



"Candlelight was my favorite because everyone went up and talked about their high school experience. It's just nice to hear that there are people out there willing to talk to you about that stuff."

"I disliked the involvement of my small group. It would've been nice to hear everyone's input on the topics we discussed, not just a select few."

(From left to right)



Science teacher Chris Siewert entertains his class, in a new found way, by turning science into song. He taught his biology class a catchy tune to help them remember the complicated process of cell mitosis. "Learning the songs about mitosis was sweet because it helped you a lot on the test," sophomore Jesse Poorthunder said. "It was also really funny because Mr. Siewert looked silly when he sang."

In an effort to show some school spirit and support for all the winter teams that made it to state competitions, sophomore Tucker Vasey paints a purple and gold flame poster during science class. Vasey, along with Chris Beghun's other chemistry students, decided to take a break from science for a day to make posters and put them up around the school.

Senior Sandra Rodriguez and junior Eric Stodola prepare to dissect a cat for the first time in John Harris's new Anatomy and physiology class. Starting the class was one of Harris's goals for teaching that came true, as he was the first to teach the newly offered class.



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Allison McGrew

is a sophomore



Biology

"Biology was an awesome class to take because it was much more hands on then any of my other classes, and a lot less boring. We were always doing something every day like dissecting frogs, looking at cells, and even holding snakes!"

Brandon Betz

is a senior



Anatomy and Physiology

"Once in anatomy when we were dissecting cats, I started cutting, but then got distracted and slit my finger open. It hurt for a while, but the whole experience in general was a lot of fun."

Jenny Pray

is a sophomore



Chemistry

"It was really neat to be able to apply what we were learning in chemistry to real life. We got the chance to do this when we conducted an experiment where we dissolved zinc from a penny, which left only the copper shell."

Nathan Peterson

is a junior



Physics

"I enjoyed the unit where we dropped eggs inside of milk cartons from the top of the stadium. It was really funny to see (senior) Andy Pullen's egg survive, even after the carton containing his egg completely exploded when it hit the ground!"

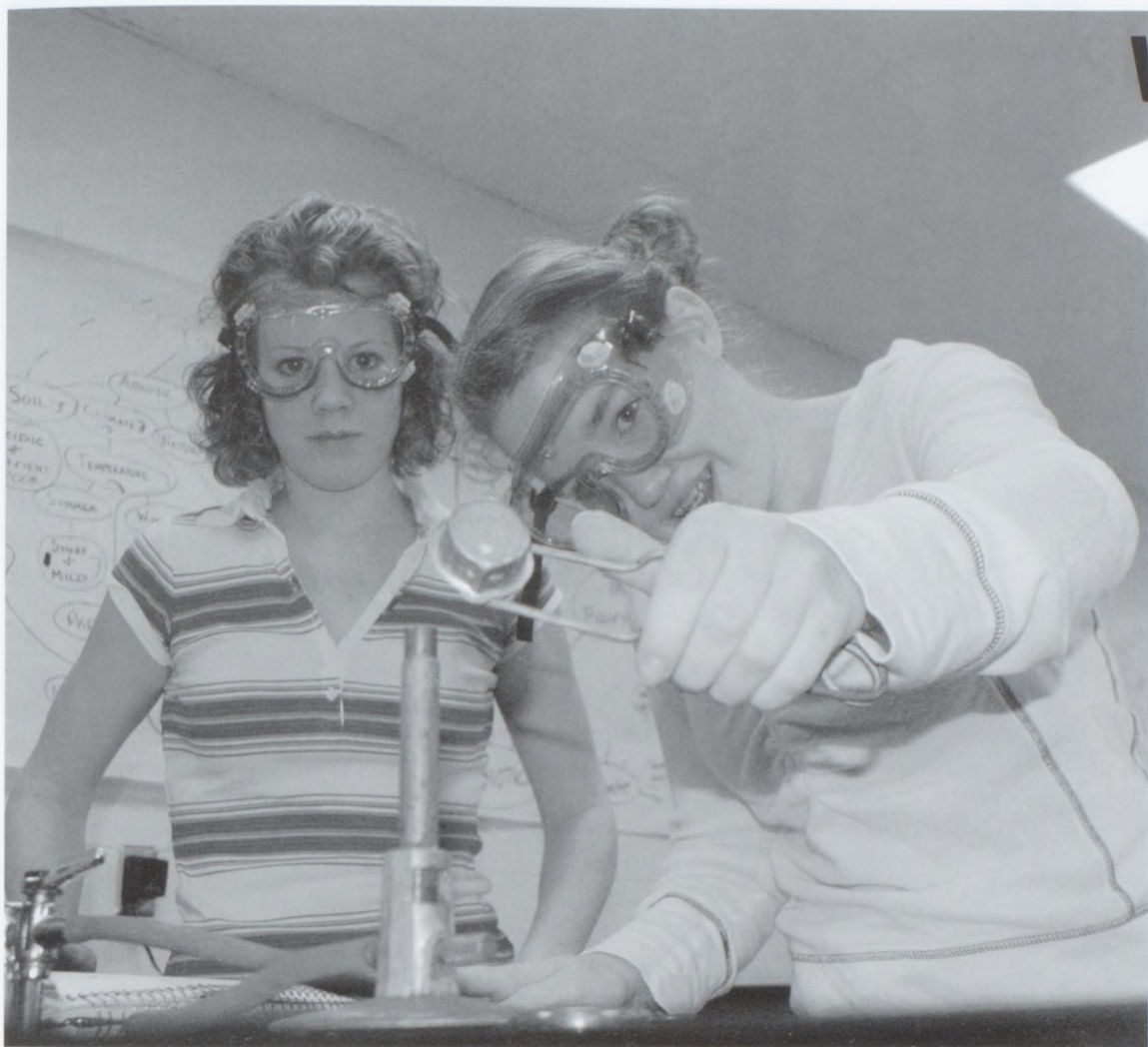


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Cautiously lighting the bunsen burner, sophomores Julia Steggerda and Alyssa Burcham prepare for a chemistry lab. "I was so afraid to light the Bunsen burner that I almost knocked it over with the flint. Luckily we got the situation under control before anything disasterous happened," Steggerda said.

Who Won it?

Scientific detectives use trailer to find true lotto winner

After stepping up into the trailer in front of them, the students of Pam Brown's AP Biology class quickly found out they had nothing less than a challenge waiting for them inside. A fake, but almost more real than life scenario was dropped at their feet. Someone had sent in a winning lottery ticket in hopes for the prize money, but in the excitement forgot to put their name on the envelope. Seven people spoke up and claimed it to be their winning ticket, but since there was only one possible winner, it was up to the students to prove who the rightful owner was.

"We had the DNA from the envelope of the winning ticket, and also the DNA from the seven other winners," junior Mike Slusark said. "To find out who the true winner was we had to match the DNA from the envelope to one of the seven people who claimed it."

Along with the AP Biology students, Brown's regular biology class also had the chance to test their scientific skills in the trailer as well. "We got to take samples of DNA and use extractors to put them into a gel which showed us the DNA," sophomore Jeremy Biggs said. "We spent three full class periods in there; it was pretty cool."

Brown's science classes were able to use the scientific trailer because Brown was invited to be part of a group of teachers from many different schools which partnered alongside with AEA to create project S.E.M.I. The project was founded to allow students the ability to access expensive and advanced lab equipment and materials that would in other circumstances not be readily available for students use.

"I think that the trailer allows the students get a very unique hands on approach to science," said Brown. "Even if they don't go into the field of science as a career. I would like to think that this is something they can always look back on and remember." *spread by Alle Moffitt*

(From left to right)

In Jerry Kinder's US History class, juniors Erica Warren and Andy Nordus work on managing fake stocks. "It was all right to do, but I had all ready done the same assignment in Intro to Business," Warren said. The group chose to sell their stocks in the end which helped them finish with a profit. "Stocks fluctuate really easily so it was quite a gamble," Warren said.

Sophomore Sally Jones presents her World Studies project in Audrey Bell's class. They were each assigned a section to cover over Africa. "Each group had to pick a country," sophomore Sally Jones said. "I did the ethnic background on Egypt." Other sections were population, culture and geography.

Junior Heather Dell reads a book in the library during Kelly Coleman's Sociology class about Africans that were famous during the Harlem Renaissance. "I like history," Dell said. "It's interesting, even mysterious because you never know if there is more to a story. It makes you wonder."



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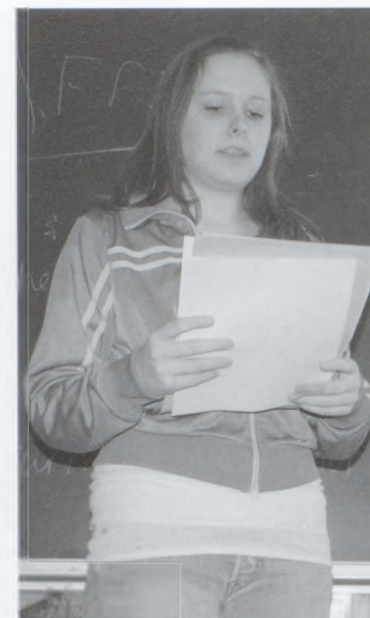


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Daniel Chapman



is a sophomore

AP World History

"I'm in a competition with (sophomore) David Cox, to get a better grade. He's winning right now, but at the end of the semester we will see who the winner is."

Sarah Mueller



is a junior

AP US History

"AP US really is just a nap time for most people, especially if you have Kinder. I sit in the front row and sleep the whole period and he doesn't really care. I just sleep and take tests as quickly as I can so I can sleep some more."

Jacob Freeman



is a senior

Social Problems

"I like studying the workings of different people. We have studied the stereotypes people put on others, and I found that awesome because I'm a stereotype myself."

Kristen Steen



is a senior

Government

"Shackett is the best teacher, he jokes around all the time and (we) barely get any homework. His class is really laid back and it's fun."

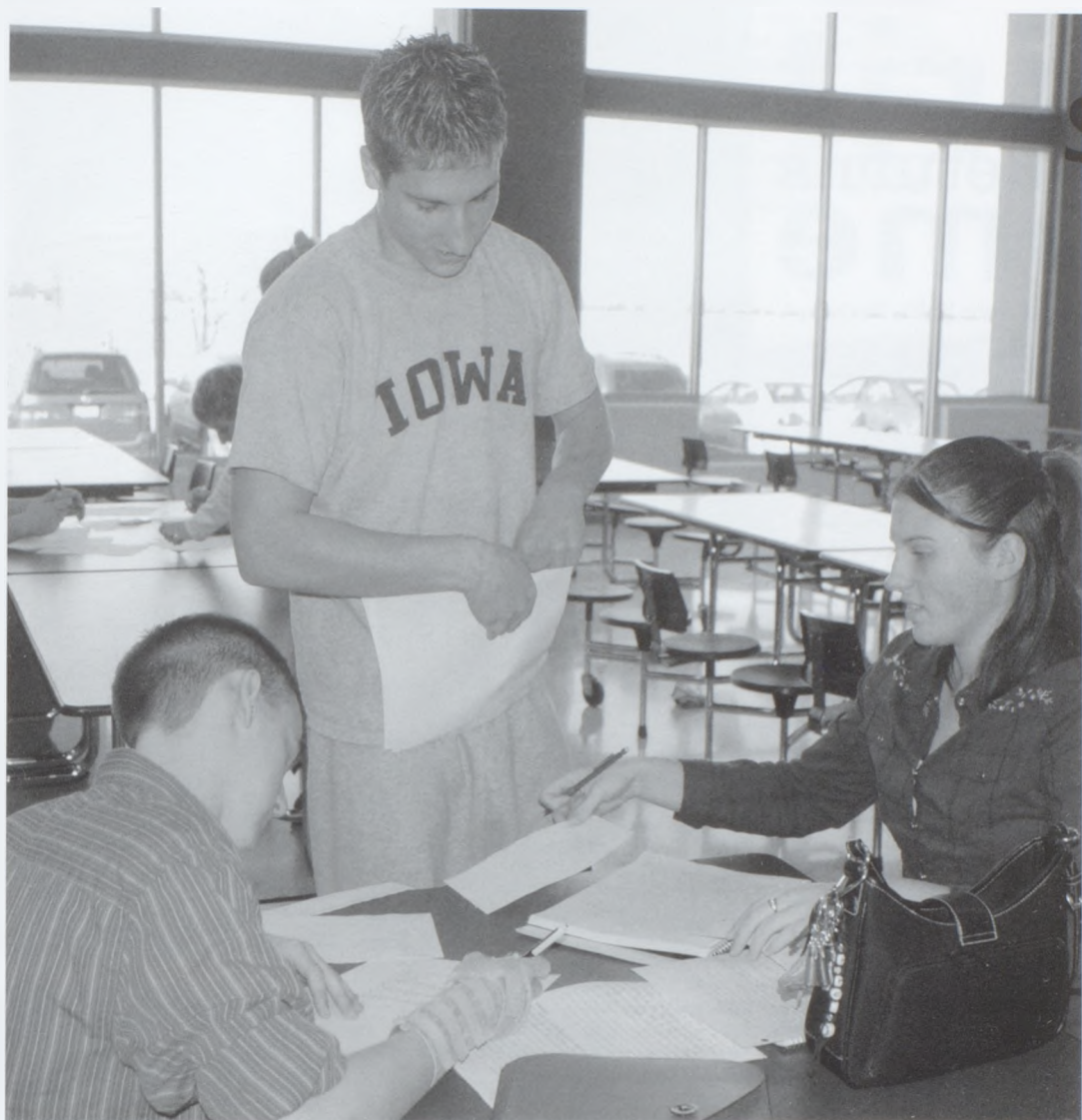


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Junior Brandon Chambers works on a survey for Sociology in the cafeteria with juniors Brian Baker and Brittany Curtis. "Getting out of the classroom and doing stuff makes my day," Chambers said. "I hate sitting all day in class doing pointless stuff."

Stocks to Classroom

Kinder's class gets a taste of the real world

In most classes students learned the curriculum in textbooks, but instead Jerry Kinder's U.S. History class learned it first hand. Kinder put the students in pairs and gave them a pretend \$10,000 to purchase fake stocks. "(The assignment was) to give students a better understanding of the stock market," Kinder said.

Junior Brad Elsbury's group ended with a positive amount, over \$200 more than they started with. They picked a big stock called Jacuzzi and a smaller software company dealing with computer chips. The students could buy and sell at any time.

The race to make the highest amount of money was on a majority of the students' minds. "It was fun yet competitive because you wanted to make the most money in the class," Elsbury said.

For some the project was not the easiest assignment. Junior Kelsey Kovacevich said, "I would get everything messed up with the paperwork so most of the (numbers were) off." Her group still excelled with a high ending total, which tied them with Elsbury's group. "It was beneficial to know that you should buy low and sell high," Kovacevich said.

Junior Mike Slusark's group sold one of its stocks to buy another, but the new stock dropped so their ending balance was not in their favor. Taking the chance taught some students a lesson that was going to either make or break their budget. "It was really eye opening," Slusark said. "I thought it was interesting to see how easy it was to make or lose money really fast."

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Spirit

A Legend Returns home

Seventy-one long years passed since Helen Favre last stepped foot on the courts of Johnston. Favre was welcomed back during a pep assembly for girls' basketball making state, as the last team's alumni to attend state, making third place in 1935.

A cheer popped out of the 89-year-old's mouth, surprising the youthful crowd, made for the state tournament back in her day. "Once I heard the upbeat cheer, I immediately felt the passion that she held for the game, and pride she had for our school," sophomore Megan Junge said.

The message turned serious. Favre had traveled back to Johnston with one goal in mind: to inspire the team. "These Dragons today, I'm hoping they'll play the best game they have ever played in their life," Favre said. "But even more importantly, I hope they have the right attitude. Attitude is everything, even if you don't win, if you have (the) right attitude, that is enough."

"Helen was obviously very proud of the girls and she communicated that to the team," coach Rich Gradoville said. "She was also a very strong minded person and the girls were impressed by that."

However, not only the team was inspired, she spirited students and fans alike. "She impacted me very deeply," sophomore Brianna Stone said. "She's so cute and I want to be just like her when I'm a senior citizen."

To many students, it was clear to see her happy-go-lucky attitude towards not only the game, but also life, a contagious attribute to everyone in the audience.

"It's so simple," Favre said. "The secret to a happy life is to have interest. Life is a choice and you choose." *spread by Abby Weaver, Matthew Courtney and Alle Moffit*

Influencing Speech

Helen Favre reminisces about her experience of playing in the previous team to make it to the girls' state tournament.

Favre's team played 71 years ago in the tournament. She came to pump up the crowd for the big game.



photo by Kiley Dewhurst



Shouts and Screams

Senior Jeff Hoobin cheers on the varsity boys' basketball team during the game against Urbandale. "I was very ecstatic at the game, it was a good game and we were very good this year," Hoobin said.

And We're Marching

The crowd leans back as they're 'marching to the beat' at the girls' state basketball game. State basketball was held at Wells Fargo Arena for the first time. Previously it was held at Veteran's Memorial Auditorium.





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Anticipating

Junior Luke Knee holds his arm out in hope to give luck that a foul shot will be made during the boys' basketball game against Urbandale. "I am holding out my hand in a fist, while showing off my sick flaming J tattoo," Knee said.

photo by Sam Schroeder



photo by Abby Weaver

Wishing and Hoping

Senior Sandra Rodriguez leans over to check the score of the boys' substate basketball game against Newton. "I was nervous that we were losing and that time was running out and I was trying to bend over and check the scoreboard, luckily we were ahead," Rodriguez said.



Die Hard Fans

Junior Grant Dippold roots the Dragons on during the varsity football game versus Roosevelt. "Though it was cold, everyone still came out and supported the team," Dippold said.

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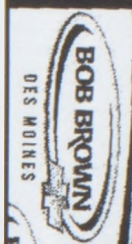
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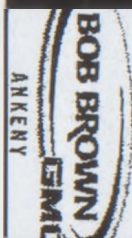
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Student Council creates store to up school spirit

Student Council's main goal was to make fund-raising a fun experience for the student body. Thus the idea of the student store was thought up by junior Susan Clausen, student council decided to take a risk and try out their entrepreneurship skills. "We went out on a limb for the spirit store. I felt the spirit in our school wasn't that high," Clasuen said. "The 'regulars', as I call them, wear the super fan shirts. I thought it would be fun to have ways, other than t-shirts, to show school spirit."

Student council wanted to find a way to provide students, who are not involved in sports, with items that show spirit. The store goodies were usually sold out of student council advisor, Chris Beguhn's room. Selling the products proved to be a challenge because there was no permanent spot where the students could go to purchase the goods. "The student body are not as fired up as (we) predicted them to be. It's kind of a disappointment," Beguhn said.

"We haven't (made) much money, but that is partly our fault (because of) our advertising," class president, senior Kyle McCracken said. "You can encourage them (students) to buy, you can't make them commit."

Some members were elated when they saw students enjoying the merchandise from the store, and can't wait to start up the store again. Sophomore Michael Lunn said, "Next year I want to have more stuff, and memorabilia. I really like to see students show school spirit through the stuff we're selling." *spread by Katie Norris*

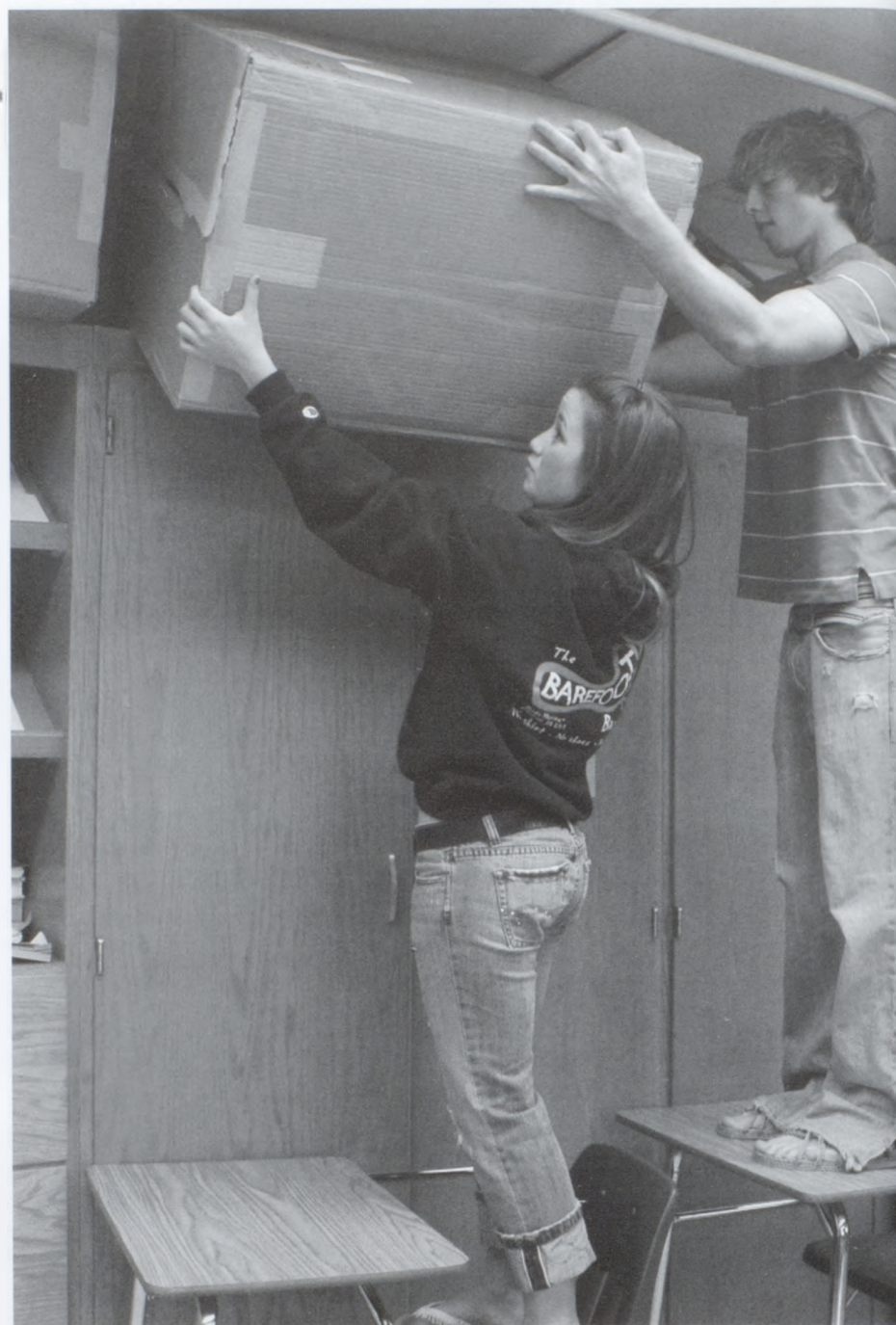


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} Taking a deep breath, junior Justina Mazza tries to relax as a nurse from the Blood Center of Iowa prepares her arm to draw blood. The annual blood drive, set up by student council, was held on November. "I was really scared at first, but once she stuck the needle in, it was fine," Mazza said. "It felt good doing something for the community."

photo by Scott Sauber



} Wanting the gold, junior Collin Coughlon concentrates on a play during intramural basketball. "It was a really interesting play at halftime in front of all those people," Coughlon said. "It was sweet and I knew it would be fun. It was a good idea."

} Stacking boxes, student council member, sophomore Cicly Gordon and senior Peter Holmgren help to organize supplies. "We have service credit for student council that period and we were putting stuff from spring fling away," said Gordon. "We had a big box of laies. There was a big mess of them."

photo by Amanda Kennedy

Reading the agenda for the assembly, Junior Susan Clausen announces the American Gladiators victory in the tiebreaker for Rock Around the Clock. "The American Gladiators were mad at us, because (of the) knowledge test," said Clausen. "They thought they were going to lose, and they ended up winning."



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Their unique opinion

What is the best thing student council did?

What would you change?

Taylor Gowey 07'



"Another successful homecoming, it's stressful because we do it on our own. When the week is over we feel accomplished that we got through the week without any problems."

"The way we talk to students. We want their cooperation, and do some things they want. Anything we can change for the better interest of the students."

Brian Underwood 06'



"We really contoured to the needs of the students. If somebody had an idea we'd bring it to the council and discuss it. I think I handled my athletic director position well."

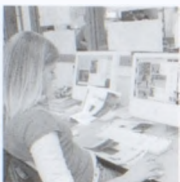
"I think we did a pretty good job. The one thing I wish we'd change is that more of the student body would get involved."

{The New} shape

How the horizontal book became a challenge to produce



Emily Roeser '07



Alle Moffitt '08



Fed-Ex envelope

In an effort to jazz up the yearbook, co-editors, seniors Rebekka Broeker and Elizabeth Kirk put forth a challenge. Whomever raked in the most ad money would win a prize. Although the un-named prize did not hold much water as a motivational tool. Staff member, junior Emily Roeser said, "It was really hard to sell the ads because we had a long list of places we couldn't go to, so I was very excited when I sold an ad." With the money that was raised, the class started brainstorming ideas for the book.

Impressed by a brochure that was horizontally designed, the creative team decided to replicate the style. The horizontal template had to be customized by Herff Jones, the yearbook company, and took longer than expected to arrive. Sophomore Alle Moffitt said, "I didn't mind that the new template took awhile because it gave everyone time to work on layout designs. In the long run it made deadline one too rushed."

Waiting on the template proved difficult for photo editor, senior Shaina White and others of whom were put in charge of the layouts and theme. "I was very stressed, yet I didn't want the usual boring layout," White said.

After mastering the ordeal, the yearbook staff was able to continue the book-making process. A minor disaster tried, yet failed to stop deadline two in its tracks. FedEx mistakenly shipped completed pages to El Paso, TX, instead of the yearbook factory in Logan, UT. "I thought that FedEx showed their incompetence in delivering packages," Broeker said. "The envelope was ripped open, (and this) could not have happened at a worse time. We were busy with other things and FedEx really added to the stress." The delay caused several weeks of chaos, but the staff thankfully had backed up its work on the server and was able to compensate. With that, deadline two was on its way again. *spread by*

Bethany Aubuchon

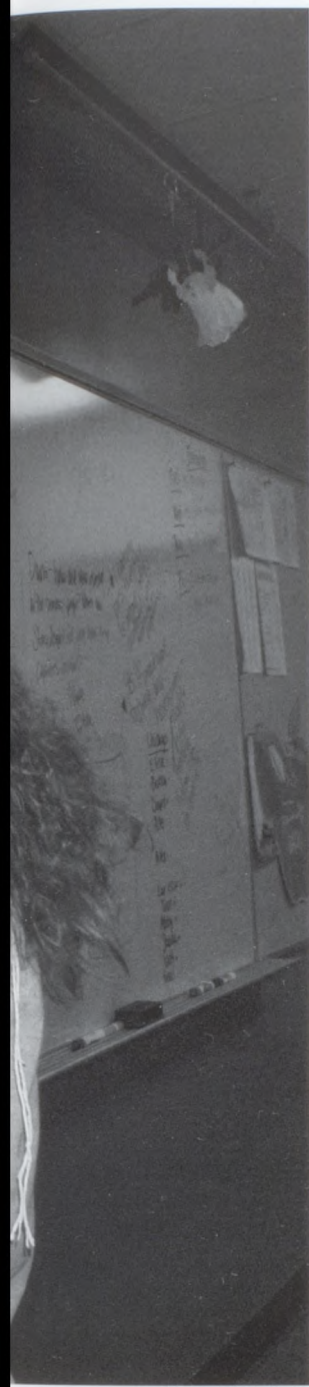


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Staring out the train window, sophomore Abby Weaver awaits arrival at the Chicago train station. Weaver, and other journalism students rode the Amtrack to the national convention in November. While there, the 04-05 yearbook placed fifth in the Best of Show category.

photo by Shaina White



Enjoying his slice of pepperoni pizza from J Benjamin's, sophomore Austin Pierce eats at the 'meet and greet' party held on Feb. 2. The gathering was held after the beginning of the second semester to introduce the "newbies" to the older staff members and to those who were in opposing class periods.

photo by Austin Pierce



Waiting with patience as the shake makes its way into a glass on her head, senior Dani Martinson hangs out with the yearbook staff at Stella's Blue Sky Diner. Though Martinson was not in either two class periods of yearbook, she was the staff party editor. As party editor, Martinson brought cookies for everyone's birthdays and helped plan other events to keep positive attitudes intact in the classroom.

Calculating the money for ads sold, co-editor, senior Elizabeth Kirk checks how much was left to raise. "Staff this year did exceedingly well considering our predecessors. Ad sales were nerve racking to record but I cannot reiterate enough: we are proud of the innovative approach at our book," Kirk said.

photo by Bethany Aubuchon

Their unique opinion

How do you feel about the lack of boys in class?

How would you fix this issue?

Scott Sauber '06



"I don't really mind it (being the only boy) that much. Sometimes all the girls scream and yell and have their little girl jokes that I don't get, but other than that, it's all good."

David Zorn '07



"It's not really that bad this year, there are still a few boys in the class."

"Yearbook really isn't as girly as a lot of males think. I think we should try harder to recruit more dudes than dames."

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Tossing around the old pig skin and hitting a homer are cliches' known to the elite sporting society. The common ground was to collide or not to collide.

In the grand view of sports, there had been many accidents and bang-ups, leaving hurt players like graduated senior Steven King. Both King and junior Danny Cahill had dove for a baseball, collided and caused the end of King's last season.

Time on the field affected travesty as well as jubilee occasions: kids got conked on the head in wrestling, hockey was a new addition (sporting a female-type), dance was laid off, girls' golf began to condition (by walking), everyone and their mother went to state, tennis got it made with a new concession-toilet-area (so they would not have to hold it), and an 88 year-old alumni of girls' state basketball returned to her old stomping grounds for a pep rally reunion.

With high levels of competitive spirit, a collision was an imminent problem and an obvious occurrence. *spread by Rebekka Broeker, Elizabeth Kirk and Nate Gonner*



Tangled up with Cedar Rapids Prairie player Jessica Statler, junior Micah Casey struggles to get the ball. The scuffle took place during the state tournament. "It was a good experience. We played well as a team and our goal was to get to state," Casey said.



Brad Buster



Justice Briar



Jeff Rasmussen

Collide
79

Photo by Sam Schroeder

Baseball

Impact takes out player

Flinging the wrist
Practicing before the game began, senior Rob Lang throws the baseball with '05 graduate Russ Wiskirchen. Lang took over for King after the accident. The varsity season ended with a 0-2 loss against Ankeny during substate.



photo by Shaina White

Viewing the crash, fans fell silent as they observed '05 graduate Steven King and junior Danny Cahill slam into one another in the outfield. Both players had decided to go after a pop fly heading for left-center but instead ran into each other." As I went high for the ball, King went low and

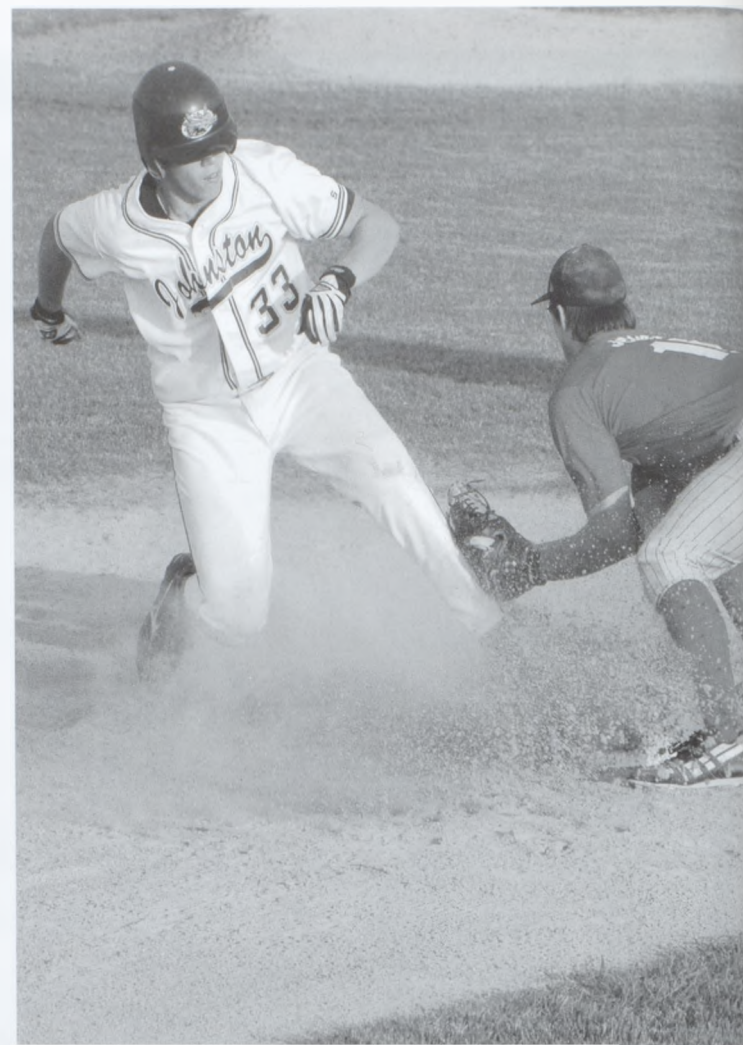
my knee made complete contact with his stomach," Cahill said.

Before the collision, Cahill had been playing left field while King was in center field, their standard positions. Neither King nor Cahill called to catch the ball, making the hit inevitable.

After they ran into each other, King walked to the dugout. "It felt like the wind was knocked out of me," King said.

He sat there 15 minutes and then complained of not feeling well, according to coach Randy Wee. King was rushed to the emergency room; doctors found that he had ruptured his spleen. King said, "Going to the hospital, I felt really light headed and dizzy. There was a lot of pain in my stomach."

As a result, King was out the rest of the season. Cahill was moved to center field and senior Rob Lang was placed in left field. Cahill said, "I was the only sophomore on the team at that time. With Steven being out of the game, it put lots of pressure on me to play center fielder. It's a really important position and it made me have to play really hard." *spread by Bekka Broeker and Shaina White*



Speeding for safety

Skidding to third base, senior Kyle McCracken slips smoothly by the third baseman during substate. "We were really excited (to go to substate) and we thought it would help carry us to state," McCracken said.

Almost a hit

Junior David Temple takes a swing and misses during the Ames away game. According to Temple, he felt that he did not hit the ball very well during that particular game, but overall for the season he thought that he thrived.





photo by Rebekka Hrocker



photo by Shaina White



photo by Shaina White

Snatched out of the air

Sophomore Ryan McCauley places his foot on the base and stretches out to reach the ball. To see the ball in the bright sun, he painted black stripes under his eyes. It helped keep the glare out of his vision and allowed him to see better, according to McCauley.



photo by Shaina White

Delivering the ball

Launching the ball toward the opponent, junior Jon Hansen pitches during an away game. The sophomore season ended well, winning 27 of 37 games.



A narrow miss

Sophomore Troy DuBay falls short of hitting the ball during the substate game. DuBay played on the sophomore and the varsity teams. "I was hitting .500 (on the sophomore team) and they didn't want to lose that potential. So they had me play on the varsity team for four or five games including substate," DuBay said.

TEAM scores

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| vs. Boone | 11-0 |
| vs. Lewis Central | 6-2 |
| vs. Marshalltown | 13-12 |
| vs. Hoover | 0-7/6-4 |
| vs. East | 10-12/2-7 |
| vs. Lincoln | 1-11/5-8 |
| vs. Ankeny | 3-7/6-7 |
| vs. Urbandale | 5-0/5-3 |
| vs. Decorah | 7-13 |
| vs. North | 12-8/13-8 |
| vs. Dowling | 0-4/8-6 |
| vs. SEP | 12-1 |
| vs. Saydel | 5-1 |
| vs. Roosevelt | 8-1 |
| vs. Urbandale | 3-4/3-7 |
| vs. Marshalltown | 11-1 |
| vs. Indianola | 14-0/5-2 |
| vs. Ankeny | 5-6/8-18 |
| vs. Dowling | 1-3/9-13 |
| vs. Ames | 5-2/7-4 |
| vs. Ft. Dodge | 0-0/11-10 |
| vs. Sioux City East | 6-2 |
| vs. Lewis Central | 8-7 |
| vs. Indianola | 3-4/10-1 |
| vs. Newton (substate) | 12-7 |
| vs. Ankeny (substate) | 0-2 |

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Boys' B-Ball

Dynamite defense sends Dragons to State

Nine seconds left and clinging to a one-point lead, the Dragons were in desperate need of a stop. The Little Cyclones inbounded the ball and right away senior Joel Quick and junior Chase Baumgartner trapped the ball. Ames passed the ball around, desperately looking for a shot.

Finally, they got the ball to senior Michael Lee. Lee received the ball, avoided jumping sophomore Tim DeSplinter and threw up a prayer just outside the three-point line. Lee's shot hit the top of the rim and rolled out. Johnston was on its way to state for the second time in three years. "I thought we played great D (defense) and I was just

praying that shot didn't go in," DeSplinter said.

The spectacular defense started during the first substate game against Newton and continued throughout the week, as the team held all three opponents under 55 points, including East to 54 points. The Dragons gave up a season-high 85 points to East in the first meeting. "It was pretty sweet. They beat us earlier in the year and to beat them the way we did was pretty awesome," senior Zach Cooper said.

Although they had a great run, the Dragons lost in the first round of state to Pleasant Valley 39-63, ending Jeff Simpson's decade tenure as head coach. "There are a lot of things I will miss about coaching, but the thing I will miss the most is the relationships you build with the players. I have been fortunate to have the opportunity of working with a number of athletes over the years and that is what I will miss the most," Simpson said. *spread by Nate Gonner and Scott Sauber*

Fade Away

Completing a turn around fade away, junior Chase Baumgartner shoots against Pleasant Valley at state. "The courts were sweet and the nicest I've ever played on," Baumgartner said.



photo by Sam Schneider



Like Mike

Driving to the lane, revealing his Michael Jordan-like tongue, senior Joel Quick moves quickly past his Roosevelt opponent, senior Conor Malone. Quick layed it up for two of his 11 points and also contributed three assists in a 60-63 loss to the Rough Riders.

Tenacious Defense

Anticipating East senior DeMarco Turner's next move, senior Rob Lang applies a full court press during the substate game against East. The Dragons had lost to East once during the regular season, but prevailed in substate 71-54 and went on to beat Ames in the substate final and qualified for state.



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One Handed Swish

Using his 6'9" height to his advantage, junior Brent Barz elevates to put up his one handed shot, and hits nothing but net. The Dragons faced off against Dowling at home, after beating them, but failed to come up with a sweep. The Dragons lost 51-67 Barz ended the game with 27 points and 11 rebounds.

photo by Sam Schroeder



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Rising Above

Jumping higher than his Ankeny opponent, sophomore Michael Elming drains a three from the top of the key. Elming was the leading scorer on the sophomore team.

Ecstatic

Excitement running through their body, junior Brian Smith, senior Ryan Sievers and junior Kellen Johnson cheered on their team. The trio cheered on their teammates during the rivalry game against the Urbandale J-Hawks. The Dragons won 70-65. "The atmosphere was incredible and I'll never forget that night. It felt like the whole town was there," Sievers said.

TEAM scores

| | |
|---------------------|-------|
| vs. East | 69-85 |
| vs. Fort Dodge | 53-48 |
| vs. Mason City | 58-36 |
| vs. Urbandale | 45-47 |
| vs. Hoover | 53-67 |
| vs. Ankeny | 46-52 |
| vs. Marshalltown | 70-39 |
| vs. SE Polk | 52-44 |
| vs. Dowling | 61-55 |
| vs. Lincoln | 39-42 |
| vs. Indianola | 68-75 |
| vs. Ames | 49-55 |
| vs. Urbandale | 60-55 |
| vs. Ankeny | 54-48 |
| vs. SE Polk | 35-32 |
| vs. Roosevelt | 60-63 |
| vs. Dowling | 51-67 |
| vs. Valley | 59-44 |
| vs. Indianola | 61-65 |
| vs. Ottumwa | 50-44 |
| vs. Newton | 86-56 |
| Substate | |
| vs. Newton | 47-39 |
| vs. East | 71-54 |
| vs. Ames | 45-44 |
| State | |
| vs. Pleasant Valley | 39-63 |

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Girls' B-Ball Challenges

Girls Conquer State and Vertical

With butterflies in her stomach, her heart pounding with anticipation, 5'5 freshman guard Katelyn Sunde heard her name called out over the intercom at Wells Fargo Arena. She jumped up from her seat and preceded to high-five her teammates. Sunde was minutes away from playing in the girls' state basketball tournament, something no Johnston player

had experienced since 1935. "The feelings I had before my name was called out were undescrivable. I felt nervous, happy, and excited, all at the same time," Sunde said.

The dream season began with a lot of question marks about their height. Seven out of the sixteen girls were

5'7 or shorter and no one on the team was taller than six foot. Sophomore Leslie Ware said, "I knew going into the season we wouldn't be a tall team but we would be a fast team. I thought if we used our speed we could beat teams."

The squad sprinted out to a record of 15-7 before running into Valley, the third best team in Iowa, for a chance to go to the state tournament. The girls lost to Valley by 28 points to open up the season. The Dragons entered the second game with confidence that they could pull off the upset. The result, the girls won 38-32, punching their ticket to state for the first time in 71 years. The girls lost in the first round of state to Cedar Rapids Prairie 33-47.

As coach Rich Gradoville cut the final pieces of the net down all he could think about was his former players. "I was so happy for the girls, I have coached for seven years and all the girls who worked hard to get to state (and did not make it): that was for them," Gradoville said. *spread by Nate Gonner and Scott Thomas Sauber*

Concentration

Not taking her eyes off the hoop, freshman Katelyn Sunde prepares to shoot a freethrow. Sunde swished the shot and a "swoosh" chant could be heard coming from the student section. Sunde had 11 points and the Dragons lost to Dowling 34-53.



photo by Andy Pelton



Driving to the hole

Preparing to penetrate the lane, sophomore Laura Hilby dribbles during the state game at Wells Fargo Arena. Hilby was second in scoring for Johnston with 6 points. The Dragons lost the game to Cedar Rapids Prairie 33-47.

Taking Charge

Making some game time adjustments, basketball coach Rich Gradoville talks to his team during their game against the Urbandale J-Hawks. Listening in are (from left to right) freshman Katelyn Sunde, junior Micah Casey, freshman Taylor Knuth and senior Abby Morris.





photo by Scott Sauber

Pulling Up

Shooting a jumper from just inside the free throw line, senior Libbie Reichling puts up a shot over her Ankeny defender, senior Molly Falk. Reichling made the shot for her two points of the night and the Dragons prevailed 46-41 over the four-time defending state champs.



photo by Scott Sauber

photo by Scott Sauber



Dribble and Drop

Dribbling down the court, senior Abby Green beats her Ankeny defender, sophomore Brittany De Jong to the hoop. Green layed up a tear drop shot from the paint and swished it. Green ended the game with 10 points in the win over Ankeny.

Jump Ball

Scrambling for the ball, senior Liz Sigmund tries to take it away from her Cedar Rapids Prairie opponent during state.

The ref called a jump ball but the possession stayed with Cedar Rapids. "It was really surreal playing there (at Wells Fargo) knowing you're playing in front of thousands of people," Sigmund said.

photo by Sam Schroeder



photo by Grace Meiners

TEAM scores

| | |
|---------------------|-------|
| vs. Valley | 33-61 |
| vs. Xavier | 43-42 |
| vs. East | 45-42 |
| vs. Fort Dodge | 54-46 |
| vs. Mason City | 62-34 |
| vs. Urbandale | 50-39 |
| vs. Newton | 60-55 |
| vs. Hoover | 51-58 |
| vs. Ankeny | 46-41 |
| vs. Marshalltown | 58-44 |
| vs. South East Polk | 58-41 |
| vs. Dowling | 36-43 |
| vs. Indianola | 60-43 |
| vs. Lincoln | 53-67 |
| vs. Indianola | 55-46 |
| vs. Ames | 36-38 |
| vs. Urbandale | 36-39 |
| vs. Ankeny | 32-26 |
| vs. South East Polk | 46-31 |
| vs. Roosevelt | 46-42 |
| vs. Dowling | |
| Substate: | |
| vs. Council Bluffs | 34-53 |
| vs. Valley | 38-32 |
| State | |
| vs. CR Prairie | 33-47 |

Catch Drive Look



Micah Casey '07



Taylor Knuth '09

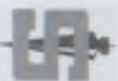


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Bowling

Love in the Lanes

The boys' varsity bowling team was on a winning streak, but it was not the only thing creating sparks. Junior Krista Bowers and senior Jeremiah Keltner continued their 16-month romance during the season.

"We met during drum line; she was a cymbal player and I was the bass drummer. One of our band traditions (was) to go to dinner before state, then we

toilet papered our director's house. A week later, I asked her to a movie," Keltner said. Keltner later recruited her for the girls' bowling team.

During meets they checked on each other's scores. "I can tell (how) he is doing without looking at his score.

When he is doing badly he sits by

himself and doesn't talk, but when he is doing well he talks to his friends," Bowers said.

Coach Vickie Borich did not have a problem with the relationship. "Their personal life is their business, as long as it doesn't affect the team. I think they both are mature enough for it," Borich said.

Keltner and senior Brandon Thompson qualified for state, as did the boy's team. For the girls, junior Kayla Schmidt qualified.

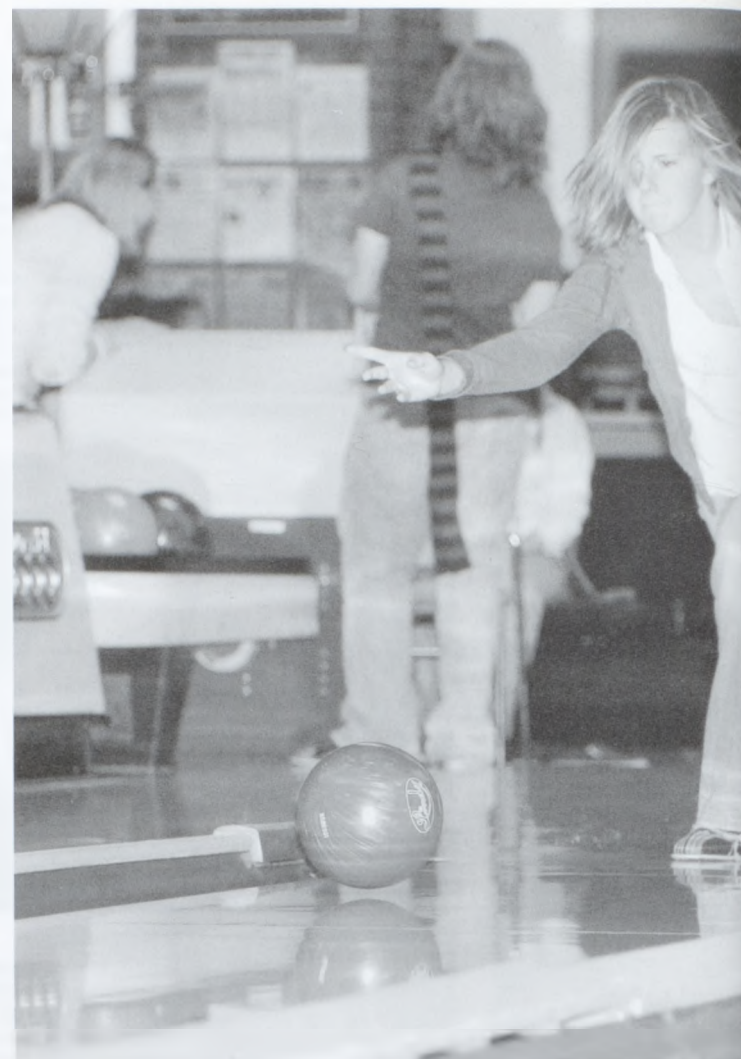
The team accepted the relationship between Bowers and Keltner. "They encourage each other. If Krista has trouble, Jeremiah will come over and help her," sophomore Kayla Birmingham said. *spread by Kaitlyn O'Toole and Olivia Schiefelbein*

Goofing Around

Showing off an unusual sight, senior Jeremiah Keltner stacks bowling balls during a meet. "I found out you could stack them in the *Guinness Book of World Records*," Keltner said. He stacked the bowling balls for fun or when he was bored.



photo by Shanna Bly



Releasing the Ball

During tryouts, junior Kelsey Hyde bowls at Merle Hay Lanes. Hyde bowled because she got to hang out with her friends. Hyde made the bowling team for the second year in a row and was on JV both years.

Hoping for a Strike

Junior Katie Backstrom bowls during the Johnston tryouts. She earned a second place varsity spot on the girls' bowling team. Backstrom, her three siblings, and her dad all bowled in leagues at Plaza Lanes.





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Reaching for His Ball

Senior Dan Kurns picks up the ball, to get ready to throw for his second turn. Kurns was a top JV player (sixth best). He bowled for three years but this was his first year bowling for the school. He averaged 170 a game.

photo by Shaina White



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Strike a Pose

Bowling a spare during practice, junior John Slinker, adds to his final score of 130. Slinker had not bowled before the season, and got the position of substitute on the team.

Following Though

Freshman Marc Theis tried out for the bowling team. Theis went to tryouts with his friend freshman Mike Weese. Neither Theis or Weese made the team but thought it was fun to tryout.

TEAM scores

Boys

| | |
|---------------|-----------|
| vs. Dowling | 2925-2305 |
| vs. Urbandale | 2949-2793 |
| vs. Ankeny | 2779-2543 |
| vs. Indianola | 2779-2541 |
| vs. SE Polk | 2779-2599 |
| vs. Indianola | 3000-2723 |
| vs. Dowling | 2855-2429 |
| vs. SE Polk | 3032-2823 |
| vs. Urbandale | 2858-3132 |
| vs. Ankeny | 2734-2625 |
| State | 2nd |
| Record | 9-1 |

Girls

| | |
|---------------|-----------|
| vs. Dowling | 1987-2184 |
| vs. Urbandale | 2082-2084 |
| vs. Indianola | 1826-2113 |
| vs. Ankeny | 1826-2044 |
| vs. SE Polk | 1826-1741 |
| vs. Indianola | 1990-2405 |
| vs. Dowling | 2189-2196 |
| vs. SE Polk | 2244-1831 |
| vs. Urbandale | 2259-1963 |
| vs. Ankeny | 2076-2177 |
| Record | 3-7 |

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Cheerleading

Cheers of the year

The bleachers were filled at the basketball game against rival Urbandale. When the players were off the court, it was the cheerleaders' turn to entertain. "We tried to throw in new cheers that people hadn't seen before to get the crowd going," junior Ashley Bedord said.

Elbows Up

Performing a crowd favorite cheer, "Who Are We? Dragons," junior Ashley Bedord cheers at the Johnston versus Urbandale girls' basketball game. "I was so into the game," Bedord said.



photo by Cory Gagne

New routines were performed each year, but they weren't always created by the squad. Senior Klyn Elsbury fought the norm. "All of the cheers were really cheesy, so I made a rendition of the Missy Elliot song to get us going." Elsbury created her own wrestling cheer called "Work It."

Elsbury said, "We use it for warm-up, and it really gets the girls ready to go."

Avid basketball fan, sophomore Kari Dockum thought that "And We're Marching" was the basketball crowd's favorite ovation because it involved clapping, yelling and movement from the fans. "It shows how much we can't keep a beat, but people have fun with it anyway," Dockum said.

Experimentation was part of being a cheerleader, involving the crowd and getting the energy flowing. Varsity cheerleader, sophomore Cicely Gordon said, "(Cheerleaders) give the crowd something different to look at. They appreciate it when we experiment and have fun." *spread by Caitlin Larkin and Cory Gagne*



Cheering Them On

To mix things up, varsity and JV cheerleaders attended one boys' cross-country meet to support the runners in the fall. Sophomore Jessica Christensen was one of the JV members cheering at the finish line.

Hands on the Mat

Sophomores Amber Smith and Kate Dickey pound the wrestling mat at a meet in January. Dickey said, "You can really get involved (at wrestling meets). You feel like you're right there and actually helping them."





photo by Kaitlyn O'Toole

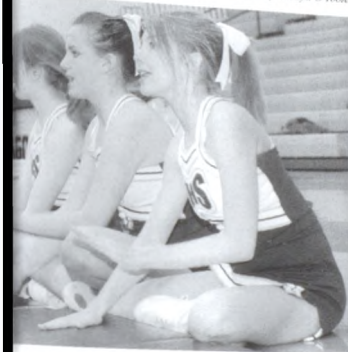


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Taking a Break

At a freezing football game, seniors Abby Lewton and Abby Dierks examine the contents of their treat bags. Dierks said, "Every week two girls brought the bags and filled them with fun stuff like snacks and cookies. The best part was us bonding while eating them."



photo by Cary Gieger

Arms Spread

Junior Emily O'Keefe eggs on the crowd at a girls' basketball game. O'Keefe said, "My favorite thing (about cheering) is making friends and mastering the stunts."

Curling and Priming

Before the Iowa State Cheerleading Championships in November, senior Falyn Tingley gets her hair curled by cheerleading coach Angie Whitier. The girls placed third in the state.

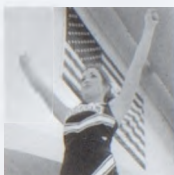


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TEAM scores

| | |
|-----------------|-------|
| 3rd | State |
| June car wash | \$957 |
| July car wash | \$600 |
| August car wash | \$450 |

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Boys' X-C Running

Makes state Four Years and

Getting third place out of six in conference wasn't expected for the boys. When coach Dave Beason rescored the running times for the conference meet without the graduating seniors in the line up, he predicted the team would finish fifth. "It really motivated us because there

was no way we could finish second to last," said senior Brian Underwood. The motivation earned the boys third in conference, second in districts and a fourth consecutive trip to state, while only 15 teams could make it.

Underwood told the coach during the off season that the team had more to give than Beason thought. The runners had not given it their all because the seniors

had earned the top spots.

Beason was very proud of the runners for pushing themselves and working extra in summer workouts. "They showed me a high level of maturity and leadership," Beason said. They would run to Crown Pointe, and back, on tougher practices.

"(What was hard) was running a couple of five milers," sophomore Charlie Thuente said.

The boys had tough competition with Marshalltown, Roosevelt, Ankeny and Iowa City High. All made state four or more times in a row in past years. The boys became the only team in school history to go to state four times in a row.

"I think we placed pretty well with the competition so tough," Thuente said. *spread by Colleen Kinsey and Kaitlyn O'Toole*

Giving it his all

Running for the varsity team, junior Nick Scholten finishes at Ankeny in 23rd place with a time of 19:06. Behind him, senior Pat Freese ran hard to finish his race. The Johnston boys' team finished in fourth place overall.



photo by Kaitlyn O'Toole



Rounding the corner

Running past the orange cone, junior Jay Quick works strenuously toward the end of the race. Quick ran for the varsity team at the Ankeny Invitational held at Otter Creek golf course. He finished in 11th place with a time of 17:10.

Crossing the finish line

In 10th place, junior Nate Nuzum finishes right behind junior Jon Waters from Roosevelt. He finished with a time of 17:05. Nuzum later participated in state, and was the first Johnston runner to cross the finish line. He had a time of 17:18, and placed 37th out of 110.





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Finishing the race

Senior Colby Elmitt runs to the finish line during the conference meet. It was held at Otter Creek golf course in Ankeny, Johnston finished third overall. Elmitt crossed the finish line with a time of 18:37 and placed 38th.



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Jumping Into the air

Junior Connor Elmitt, warms up before a meet along with juniors Topher Riddle and Dane Seaberg and senior Nathan Peterson. Elmitt ended the season running varsity in place of his brother, senior Colby Elmitt. Connor said, "I think he has a hard time with it, but he's really gotten me to push myself. He's been a big support and he's my biggest fan."

Sprinting their hardest

The JV team starts the race at conference in Ankeny. Leading the front of the pack were sophomores Derek Furtow and Grant Jacobson and freshman Luke Finley. At the invite, Johnston finished in third place.

TEAM scores

| | |
|--------------------|------------|
| @ Urbandale Inv. | 2nd place |
| @ Johnston Inv. | 2nd place |
| @ Ames | 4th place |
| @ Indianola | 2nd place |
| @ Ankeny | 4th place |
| @ Fort Dodge | 8th place |
| CIML Conference | 3rd place |
| Districts | 2nd place |
| State @ Fort Dodge | 12th place |

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Girls' XC Travels 249 extra miles

During Friday night football games, the girls' cross country team members did not sit in the stands and socialize. They were busy selling car decals to fundraise money for the season. "We raised around \$1,000 from the decals alone," head coach Pat Hennes said. "It really helped us out." The money was used to pay for trips to St. Paul, MN, and Luther College in Decorah.

Around the Bend

Sophomore Samantha McConeghey turns the corner of the Johnston Invite. McConeghey, believed that this was the team's best meet of the season.



photo by Colleen Krasny

The 249-mile trek to St. Paul enabled the team to meet new competition from different areas of the state and country. "We really wanted to go new places," Hennes said. "The meet in Minnesota had some of the most elite races in the country. It gave the team a chance to see some of the best high

school and college teams."

The traveling had a huge impact on the girls, socially, along with helping their running. "Staying over night at these places really helped us get to know each other. We really got to know the underclassmen a lot better," senior Rebecca Finley said.

The meet at Luther College was especially memorable to the girls. "This was one of the best experiences we have ever had. It really helped everyone come out of their shell. We almost beat Iowa City West, which was one of the best teams in the state," sophomore Obsie Birru, who placed 20th at state, said. *spread by Bethany Christenson*



Running with the Pack

Seniors Tiffany Wendel and Kelsey Dicken, and freshman Amanda Walker-King, compete at the Johnston Invite on September 8. The girls dominated this meet, taking first at their only home meet.

Support System

As sophomore Lauren Lund approaches the finishline, she receives support from the football cheerleaders. "The cheerleaders really made the only home meet more fun for the spectators," Hennes said.





photo by Heather Muscovitz



photo by Leah Kron

Best Time

Sophomore state qualifier, Laura Hilby treads the CIML Invite trail. "This was my favorite meet. It was the best I ran all year," Hilby said.



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Keep the Pace

Sophomore Amanda Unterriner stays the course while the crowd observes the race behind her. Several cross country fans gathered to watch Johnston's only home meet.

Almost There

Senior Elizabeth Timmins tries to finish her race. "I did cross country to stay in shape. I've been doing it for years and I really enjoy it," Timmins said.

TEAM scores

| | |
|-------------------|---------------|
| at Urbandale | 2nd |
| at Johnston | 1st |
| at Luther College | 2nd |
| at Ames | 1st |
| at Indianola | 7th |
| at St. Paul, Mn. | 13th |
| at Ankeny | 3rd |
| at Ft. Dodge | 4th |
| CIML Invite | 3rd |
| Districts | 2nd |
| State | 11th |
| Obsie Birru | 20th at state |

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Dance End

Illness Threatens Early

Questions raced through the minds of the varsity dance team members as the condition of their coach's father worsened.

"She disappeared and we wanted to know what happened. We knew it was a personal subject, but we thought we deserved to know something," junior Emily Roeser said. Shortly after state, the team's coach, Christy Christensen, had to take an unexpected leave from coaching when her father ended up in the hospital with heart complications. The absence left the girls in the dark regarding when practices would resume.

The team faced a possible premature end to the season after almost three weeks without practice, which severely hindered their approach to be successful at state. "Not knowing where our coach was made us less prepared, it lowered our ability to perform at our best," sophomore Karissa Andrews said.

The indecision concerning the dance team created tension. "We didn't know what was going on, there was a lot of stress on us," sophomore Jessica Gambrel said.

Despite the strain on the girls, they believed they had a solid finish at state, earning a division one in pom and division two in jazz. "We did really well in pom actually earning a number one rating. I think it gave us a boost of energy and it really changed our minds, we felt like the team would be going somewhere in the next few years," senior, co-captain Amanda Thrasher said. *spread by Kiley Dewhurst*

Counting the steps

Ticking on the beat, coach Christy Christensen returns to practice after a three week absence. The girls practiced late into the night in preparation for their performance during the final Friday night basketball game.



photo by Kiley Dewhurst



Holding her pose

Sophomore Audrey Henning leans on senior, co-captain Natalie Hum for a spectacular finish. Audrey's expressions dazzled the crowd on many occasions.

Peek-A-Boo

Pulling their hats down in front of their faces, sophomore Bethany Christenson and senior, co-captain Natalie Hum rehearse their dance to *City Lights*. "I didn't like the dance because I don't enjoy Broadway musicals," Christenson said.





photo by Andy Pullen



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Off to the Side

Placing her hand on her hip, sophomore Jess Gambrel puts in extra effort during practice as she runs through the song in her head. The girls had a week to prepare for their final game performance.

photo by Kiley Dewhurst



photo by Alle Moffitt



Flexible Finish

Going out with an impressive finish, sophomore Courtney Coakly shows off her flexibility in a performance during a homecoming assembly. The dance team finished with a division one rating for their pom routine.

Kicking It Up

Willing her hat on, sophomore Alyssa Buckley kicks those legs up high during a late night practice. The discussion of how to wear their hair was a main concern for the dance team members as they practiced keeping their black top hats on.

TEAM Scores

State Competition

| | |
|---------------------|--------------|
| Division one rating | pom routine |
| Division two rating | Jazz routine |

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|------------------|-------|
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Football Concussion Ends career

It was a matter of moments. The Dragons received the ball during Dowling's 42-7 win, senior Corey Chancellor went to block for junior Joseph Pavelka when he collided head to head with a Maroon defender. The hit left Chancellor with a category two concussion ended his football career. "I remember walking off the field. My head was hurting like crazy. It was like my heart was pumping in my brain," Chancellor said.

With a category two concussion one does not lose consciousness, but the symptoms last longer. Symptoms may include vision disturbance, memory

Not Quick Enough

Fighting to break free of his defender, senior Joel Quick gets tackled by a Sioux City Heelan cornerback during a receiver screen play to Quick. Quick returned kickoffs, punts, played cornerback and was a wide receiver for varsity.



loss, nausea, repeated vomiting, muscle weakness, and unequal pupil size. "Lately it has been hard for Corey to concentrate on things like board games and his school work because of his concussion," sophomore Leah Kron said, a family friend.

The concussion sidelined Chancellor

for the last game of his football career, senior night. "It stunk because (as a senior) you always look forward to your last game. It is something you will remember the rest of your life and when your memories are you sitting on the sideline watching your team it takes away the special part of that moment," Chancellor said.

Chancellor's concussion was just one memory from a roller coaster season, which included monumentous wins over playoff contenders Sioux City Heelan, Ottumwa and heartbreaking losses against Roosevelt and Indianola. "I think our boys played well considering our tough schedule. To come out of it with a 4-5 record was great," head coach Brian Woodley said.

Even though Chancellor's concussion ended his football career, he intended on participating in other athletics. "I plan on playing basketball and running track, but I need to take it easy because one more good shot to my head and I could die," Chancellor said. *spread by Nate Gonner and Scott Sauber*



Looking Downfield

Spotting an open receiver, junior Kellen Johnson rears back and prepares to fire the football across the field. Johnson was the starting quarterback for JV. The Dragons faced the S.E. Polk Rams and lost 34-8. Johnson was 4 of 14 for 54 yards passing in the game. JV finished the year with a 0-4 record.

Firing a Bullet

After rolling out and buying some time, sophomore Pat Shockey sees someone he can throw to and prepares to launch a hard, fast pass. Shockey was the starting quarterback for the sophomore team. The sophomore team ended the season with a 4-5 record.



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Looking to break one

Trying to run one back for a touchdown, junior Matt Bengston returns a kickoff against S.E. Polk. Bengston was on kick returns, punt returns and he was a wide receiver for JV.

photo by Sam Schroeder



photo by Scott Sauber



Pinning him down

Pushing his S.E. Polk Rams opponent to the ground and keeping him there, sophomore Nick Hinkel provides a block for fellow sophomore Troy DuBay. Hinkel started at right tackle and DuBay started at fullback, they both played on the sophomore team.

Stopped just short

Almost breaking a run for a touchdown, junior Danny Cahill is stopped by a Roosevelt defender.

Trailing behind Cahill, laying out the blocks, were (from left to right) seniors Kyle McCracken, Peter Holmgren, and Brett Turner. Cahill was the starting quarterback for varsity.

TEAM scores

| | |
|----------------|-------|
| vs. SC Heelan | 21-7 |
| vs. Fort Dodge | 14-21 |
| vs. Ottumwa | 17-14 |
| vs. Roosevelt | 28-41 |
| vs. Urbandale | 31-21 |
| vs. Ankeny | 17-52 |
| vs. SE Polk | 24-9 |
| vs. Dowling | 7-42 |
| vs. Indianola | 6-10 |

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Boys' Golf

Places second in State

The exhilaration was contagious when the team placed second in state. A placement in state had not happened since 1951. "Getting second place, we got a lot of recognition. Some parents called me up to say nice job," coach Steve Smith said. "Also the boys got a lot of recognition from staff and parents," Smith said.

The team utilized different strategies and implemented hard work, such as five to six days of practice a week and Sunday night preparations to achieve their lofty goal.

"When we were playing (in the meet) we didn't think that we were going to get second in state. We thought that we would place in the top five but we didn't think that it would be that good,"

sophomore Jared Walahoski said.

This was Smith's second year coaching for the boys' team. "I felt pretty excited (about the win). This meet was a higher finish than expected but my kids played really well. As the tournament went on it looked like we had a chance to win the meet and that hasn't happened since 1951," Smith said.

Junior Colin Coughlin did not place for the meet but shared in the team's emotions and feelings. "I was really proud of the team. They did a lot of hard work to get there," Coughlin said.

The boys had not expected such a great feat, but could not wipe the smiles off their faces when they received their plaque. Team captain, senior Brady Nurse said, "I felt that we worked pretty hard to get second in state. All the work that we did as a team paid off. For me, I thought I did some things better by concentrating and that allowed better scores for me." *spread by Amanda Kennedy and David Zorn*

Something to bring home

Members accept award for second place in the state meet at Otter Creek. Seniors (from left to right) Brady Nurse, Jake Baltzley, Daniel Rottenberg, sophomore Jared Walahoski, junior Chris Williamson, and coach Smith pose with trophy.



Plan the putt

Aligning the ball, junior Dan Haight surveys the scene for his finishing putt while sporting the new black and white uniform. Haight said, "Our uniforms make us look professional, but I wish they could be a little more stylish, like other schools."

In the zone

Concentrating on putting, sophomore Ryan Lay sinks the ball in the hole at a JV meet. Lay said, "When I'm making putts, I just picture the ball going in the hole."



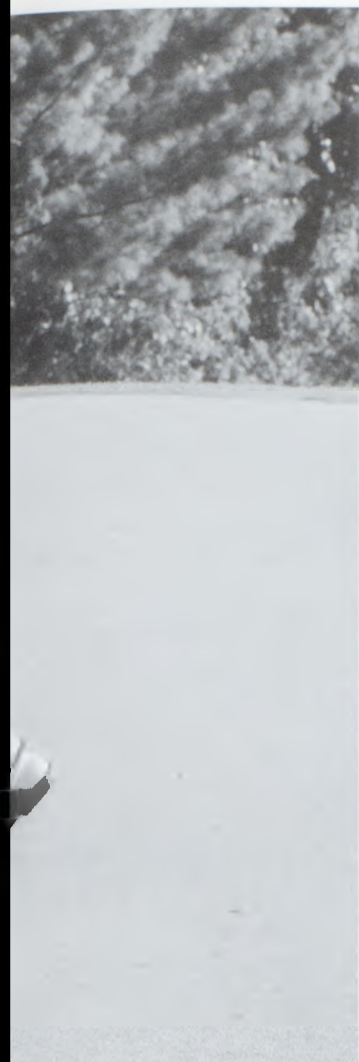


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Starting out

Making intense eye contact with his ball, junior Taylor Egly assumes the position to tee off. Egly said, "When I tee-off I aim for the left and middle of the fairway so if the ball slices right I have more to work with."

photo by David Zorn



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Gingerly putting

Sunk with confidence

Senior Brad Buster nonchalantly taps his ball into the hole, making a better score for the varsity Marshalltown meet. "I had a lot of fun at this meet because we ended up getting a pretty good spot. Also I got to play with all my friends," Buster said.

With his eye on the ball, senior Jake Baltzley carefully puts it home. "Towards the beginning of the season I had trouble with putting, but I improved with practice as the season went on," Baltzley said.

photo by David Zorn



photo by David Zorn

TEAM scores

| | |
|--------------------|----------|
| vs. CIML | 297-288 |
| vs. Roosevelt | 159-157 |
| vs. Ankeny Inv. | 291-287 |
| vs. Urbandale Inv. | 322-308 |
| vs. Valley Classic | 307-303 |
| vs. Ankeny | 144-150 |
| vs. Ames Inv. | 303-295 |
| vs. Marshalltown | 323-300 |
| vs. CIML Indianola | 311-297 |
| vs. Boone | 152-163 |
| vs. Districts | 307- Win |
| vs. State | 294-284 |
| vs. State | 297-296 |
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Girls' Golf

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Nice and Easy

Lining up her short putt, sophomore Kate Dickey prepares to tap her ball into the hole. "The short putts aren't difficult physically, but mentally they are. You think it's an easy shot and lose focus and sometimes you miss," Dickey said.



photos by Chris Casper

Starting out the season, the girls had little expectations. The year before, they graduated six of the 16 girls out for golf and the now boys' golf coach, Steve Smith, resigned from his head coaching position: enter, math teacher Vicki Borich. Borich had played golf since her teens

and was an assistant boys' golf coach at Grandview before becoming the head coach for girls' golf.

"A lot of the girls lacked some confidence, but I think our results showed something," Borich said. "We finished in the top half of nearly all of our invitationals which is a great thing. On an individual level, a lot of girls placed in the big meets." These girls included junior Annette Beswick who placed 12th in the CIML meet, senior Whitney Bryant who placed 15th, sophomore Kate Dickey who placed 16th, and sophomore Lauren Doherty who placed 17th.

"To have 4 girls place in the top 17 is an amazing accomplishment," Borich said. "Annette (Beswick) came up and told me at the end of the season that it was nice not to be a doormat anymore." The girls will return four of their top six and Borich said she had plans for summer, having scheduled times for the girls to play, something that had not been done before. *spread by Scott Sauber*



Focused Preparation

Keeping her eye on the ball, senior Nicole Jansen sets up to swing her four iron to tee off on a Par three hole on the regulation course at Jester. Jansen was ranked third on the ladder for the team.

Running Wild

Having fun with new found friends, freshman Brittany Thompson chases after geese who pass by during the Par three at Jester. Thompson played JV, did not take golf too seriously and tried to have a good time.

"I play golf to have fun, and when I saw the geese walk by I decided to run them off the course," Thompson said.





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Watching the ball

Following the ball's path, freshman Ashley Williamson watches as her golf ball curves toward the hole after she putt. Williamson missed the shot short but made the next putt.

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Putting It Back

Placing her iron back into her golf bag, junior Annette Beswick begins to get ready to lift her golf bag to follow her ball during the Indianola meet. Beswick hit a chip shot from the fairway and her shot landed on the fringe.



Counting Every Shot

Writing down her score carefully, senior Megan Kightlinger records her point total on the first hole of the Par three. Kightlinger played JV against Indianola that was held at Jester.

TEAM scores

| | |
|---------------------------|---------|
| vs. Ottumwa | 188-168 |
| Urbandale Invite | 3rd |
| vs. Roosevelt | 213-216 |
| Valley Invite | 10th |
| Ames Invite | 5th |
| East/Lincoln/North Invite | 3rd |
| Johnston Invite | 4th |
| vs. Indianola | 182-179 |
| Urbandale Invite | 4th |
| vs. Ankeny | 182-162 |
| CIML Conference | 4th |
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Hockey

Dazzling Dame in a Guys'

At the young age of six, junior Allison Burns decided to take after her big brother, '04 graduate, John Burns. Unlike other girls her age, she chose, not the grace of a dancer or the elegance of a figure skater, but the rough and tumble of a boys' sport. Burns chose to play hockey. "My brother played hockey and I wanted to be just like

him," Burns said. "I ended up really liking it, so I stuck with it."

Perhaps the most shocking fact of all was this seemingly boisterous tomboy also took up the glamour of modeling at a young age. "I modeled when I was really little, when I lived in Florida. I went to an agency here and started modeling for senior ads

and other things," Burns said. Spending equal amounts of time with each hobby, Burns was a perfect definition of an oxymoron.

Society has deemed hockey as a male's sport. The thought of a young lady throwing her weight into her opponent, and smashing them into the boards seemed outrageously incorrect.

To be expected, Burns faced a great deal of doubt. "I didn't know (she was a model) but I think it's awesome and I'm not surprised," defensive line partner, junior Troy Nielson said. "Most have trouble believing such a beautiful girl would play such a rough sport."

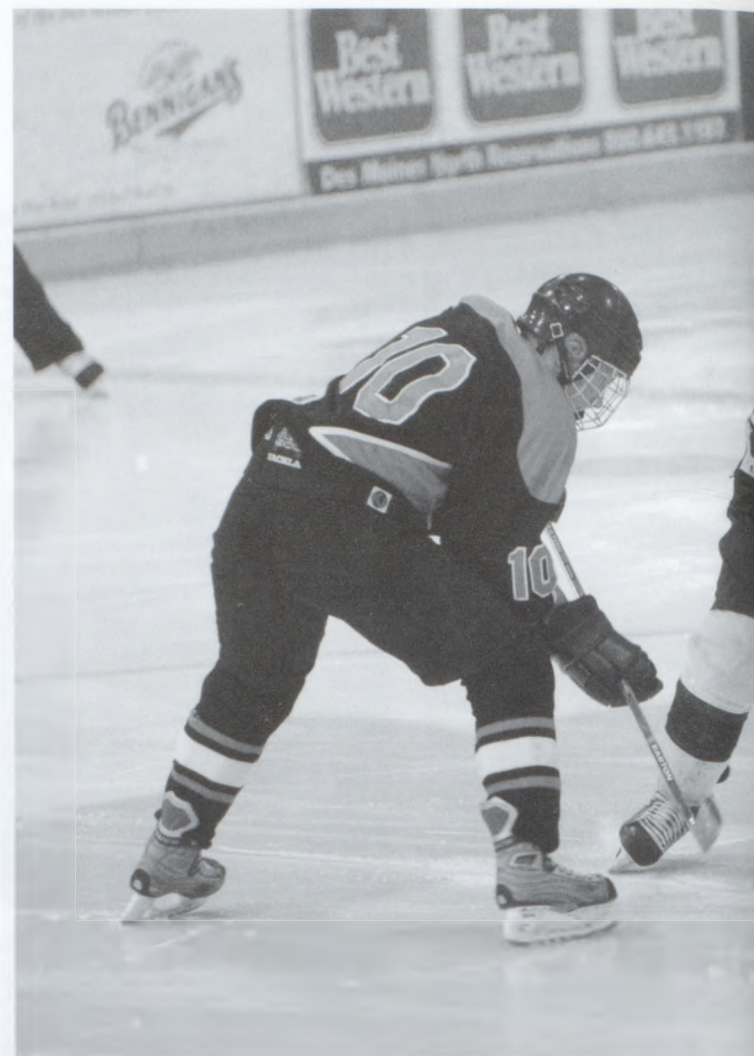
Despite disbelief, Burns refused to cave under pressure and chose to be herself. "I used to get really defensive but that didn't work so I just started to ignore it because it's what I like to do," Burns said. *spread by K. Dewhurst*

Nudging out

Pushing her Valley Tiger opponent out of the way, junior Allison Burns defends her team's goal. The Johnston Dragon Hockey Team successfully finished their first season and took second place in the season championship.



photos by Kiley Dewhurst



On The Drop

With a sharp eye and quick hands, junior Joseph Harcharik beats opponent, junior Luke Johnson of the Omaha Lancers. The Oak Leafs successfully defeated the Omaha Lancers to advance to state championship.

Passing up a point

Just missing the net, Indianola junior Grant Thomas hits the ice. According to sophomore Michael Lunn, Thomas played with the Dragons because his school (Indianola) did not have a team and he wanted to stick with his school colors (purple and gold).





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Take him to the Boards

Putting his weight into his opponent, Oak Leaf senior, co-captain Derek Hansen knocks junior Matt Adamski of Mason City off the play. The Oak Leafs beat the Mason City Mohawks to win the state championship.



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Losing an Edge

Leaning on his Capital teammate, junior Robbie Anderegg of Dowling Catholic for support, junior Ross Jennings makes his way off the ice on one skate. During the game against Lincoln, Jennings took a hard fall when his right skate blade broke. The capitals won the game in a shut out, scoring nine goals.

Two on One Retreat

Falling back on defense, senior Charlie Wigger and junior Jonathon Bunting deflect opponent, sophomore A.J. Simon of Roosevelt.

The Oak Leafs turned the tables on their rivals, the Des Moines Capitals, by defeating them in the three times they played for the first time in years.

TEAM SCORES

Capitals

| | |
|------------------|-----------------|
| vs. Lincoln | 5-1, 2-1, 9-0 |
| vs. Omaha | 7-1, 5-3, 3-6 |
| vs. Sioux City | 1-2, 7-1, 4-2 |
| vs. Cedar Rapids | 10-0, 9-0, 5-0 |
| vs. Dubuque | 7-1, 10-0, 6-1 |
| vs. Ames | 11-2, 8-0, 10-1 |
| vs. DM Oak Leafs | 1-3, 3-2, 2-7 |
| vs. Mason City | 1-0, 3-3, 4-1 |
| vs. Waterloo | 6-1, 2-1, 5-2 |
| vs. Quad Cities | 3-3, 2-1, 3-2 |
| vs. Kansas City | 3-2, 4-1, 4-0 |

Oak Leafs

| | |
|------------------|------------------|
| vs. Quad Cities | 5-0, 2-0, 4-1 |
| vs. Kansas City | 1-3, 4-1, 6-1 |
| vs. Sioux City | 6-1, 4-1, 3-1 |
| vs. Waterloo | 3-1, 5-2, 3-0 |
| vs. Dubuque | 2-0, 7-1, 3-1 |
| vs. Lincoln | 11-0, 2-1, 11-1 |
| vs. Mason City | 2-3, 6-2, 4-0 |
| vs. Omaha | 5-2, 4-2, 5-2 |
| vs. Ames | 13-1, 10-1, 9-2 |
| vs. DM Capitals | 3-1, 2-3, 7-2 |
| vs. Cedar Rapids | 11-0, 11-0, 13-1 |

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Boys' Soccer

dispiriting defeat aborts

The Dragons stepped onto the field for the first sub-state game looking for revenge and a chance to prove themselves. Facing Dowling for the third time, the team knew their competition would be tough. After losing the conference title for the first time in four years, the boys had to step back and regroup. Defeated twice already, the boys focused on the third and final game against Dowling. "It's hard to beat a team three times," said varsity goalie, junior Ross Jennings.

Clearing the Field

Varsity member, junior Quinn Bailey leads the ball away from his Dowling opponent. Bailey has been on Varsity team for three years.



photo by Kiley Dewhurst

Preparations began with one goal in mind. The boys were worried about the big goal now. They had lost the conference title but state was still their main goal for the season. "We learned a new formation to catch (Dowling) off guard," senior Chris Heffling said, "I'm confident we have a good

chance to win."

That confidence did not ring true for the Dragons when they lost their third and final game against Dowling preventing them from advancing onto state. The Dragons suffered a lot of penalties including a red card, forcing the team to play down for most of the game, and a penalty kick ending the game 1-0. "We had a definite plan to defeat them in the second half, but we could not use it because we had to play with 10 instead of 11 players," Coach Matt Todd said. "We had to play defensively instead of attacking."

A sad end to an otherwise well played season, Dowling was the deciding factor for the success of Dragon soccer for the season. "You can have everything planned to perfection, and things just don't go your way," Todd said. "The true test is how you react when things aren't going your way. I think we reacted like champions and gave it our best shot." *spread by Kiley Elizabeth Dewhurst and Bethany Renee Christenson*



Blocking for Control

In an attempt to kick the ball before the opposing team, senior Peter Blutt blocks. "I've played soccer since I was six and love it. I'm friends with most of the kids since it's usually the same ones that go out every year," Blutt said.

Spectator Sport

Closely watching the game with intent, senior Andy Goers and senior, foreign exchange student Leonardo Maia watch the game from the bench. Both seniors were enjoying the JV game against Indianola before playing their varsity game for senior night.





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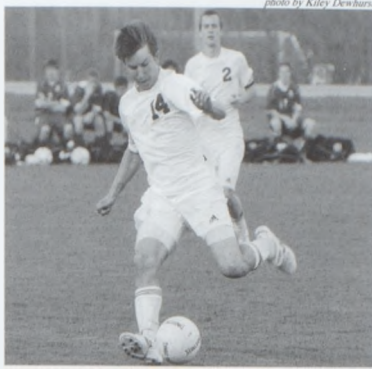


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Taking a Chance

Attempting to make the goal, junior Alex Christensen takes the open shot. Christensen has been on the varsity team for two years.



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Failure to Block

Trying to stop his opponent from kicking the ball, senior Ben Scott leaps in the way to block. Scott's attempt to block his Ankeny opponent failed, but Johnston later went on to win the game.

Practice makes Perfect

Running down the field, freshman Aaron Schultz gets guarded by sophomore Trey Wright and junior Ricky Rodriguez. The players were scrimmaging before the senior night game against Indianola.

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TEAM scores

| | |
|-----------------------|-----|
| vs. Lincoln | 4-0 |
| vs. Davenport North | 2-0 |
| vs. Davenport West | 7-0 |
| vs. Ames | 0-1 |
| vs. East | 7-0 |
| vs. Hoover | 1-0 |
| vs. Indianola | 2-0 |
| vs. Ankeny | 1-0 |
| vs. Dowling | 0-1 |
| vs. Marshalltown | 4-1 |
| vs. Fort Dodge | 2-0 |
| vs. Urbandale Invite | 1-0 |
| vs. Ankeny | 0-3 |
| vs. Norwalk | 2-1 |
| vs. Dowling | 0-2 |
| vs. Indianola | 6-1 |
| vs. Substate- Dowling | 0-1 |

Drive
Dribble
Punt



Chris Heffling '06



Ross Jennings '07



Matt Burch '07

Girls' Soccer

First time Conference Champs

While the Johnston Varsity Girls' Soccer team took the field against Indianola there was no rain insight. This game would determine if the Johnston girls would be conference champions for the first time. "I thought we had a good chance beating Indianola, but didn't want to underestimate them," junior Abby Davis said.

At the start of the game, while the National Anthem

was playing, there was a downpour of rain. "Whenever weather plays a role with sports, anything can happen," junior Amanda Lower said.

In the first half of the game, freshman Kate Nielsen scored two goals, and there was no rain in sight.

With five minutes left in the first

half senior Kelsey Brown dribbled the ball and passed to senior Kelsey Dicken who made another goal for the Dragons. At the end of the first half the score was 3-0.

In the second half with 21 minutes and 41 seconds left in the game, a spread of lightning crossed the sky. The referees announced there would be a 20 minute wait to see if the game would continue. "(When we saw the lightning) it was like we won and we can go home," Lower said.

As the team and crowd waited under the concession stand there was a downfall. The referees announced that the Johnston girls were the winners. "At the beginning of the season I didn't think we (would win conference), we have never beaten Urbandale in a number of years and Dowling is pretty good, but we walked away as Conference Champs," Lower said. *spread by Shaina White and Ciera Lundgren*

Retrieve to receive

Receiving the ball, junior Emily O'Keefe blocks the Dallas-Center Grimes defender, sophomore Krystina Schouten, to make sure she doesn't steal the ball. The Junior Varsity team finished the season out 7-3.



photos by Kiley Dewhurst



Go for the goal

Senior Tayler Vestal dribbles around Dallas Center Grimes senior Brandi Creighton to try and score for the Dragons. The Dragons beat the Fillies 4-0.

Defend your man

With foot to ball sophomore Leslie Ware tries to take the ball away from Urbandale junior Bri Gates. "I was nervous and excited at the same time. You always want to beat Urbandale and we did," Ware said.





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Ready to punt

After making a save, senior, goalie Rachael Behnke punts the ball down the field. Juniors Micah Casey and Sarah Schultz push up to attack the other goal. The Dragons won their first game of the season, with a final score of 1-0 against Ames.

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Getting tripped

Defending the ball, junior Kelsey Kovacevich holds her ground against Ames. Kovacevich was pushed away from the ball by Ames freshman Trisha Nesbitt. With a score of 1-0, Johnston defeated Ames.

Hurry up

With the ball in the air, senior Keni Schroeder runs to receive a pass from her teammate.

Schroeder tried to reach the ball before the opposing player from Urbandale, senior Michelle Rüperger.

TEAM scores

| | |
|--------------------------|------------|
| vs. Ames | 1-0 |
| vs. Lincoln | 7-0 |
| vs. Hoover | 6-0 |
| vs. Dallas Center Grimes | 4-0 |
| vs. Fort Dodge | 1-0 |
| vs. Urbandale | 3-2 |
| vs. Ankeny | 0/0 SO 4-3 |
| vs. South East Polk | 4-1 |
| vs. Dowling | 2-0 |
| vs. Indianola | 3-0 |
| vs. Marshalltown | 10-0 |

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Softball

Players step up and make State

After an upsetting loss by ten runs to S.E. Polk, the Dragons realized the need to change their approach. "The S.E. Polk game was bad, the team morale was really down," senior Mackenzie Lang said.

Everyone believed that the S.E. Polk game changed the way they played their season. "It was a wake up call right there," coach Todd Mercial said.

After losing five seniors from the previous year, the girls knew they were losing a lot of talent, but many thought they were well equipped for the year ahead and had state in mind. "We wanted state. We lost a lot of vital players, but we all knew the talent was there," senior Libbie Reichling said.

According to Mercial, the Dowling game was a pivotal point in the season.

"We came back at them with good defense and won in extra innings. The win really gave the girls momentum," Mercial said.

The tough games the girls encountered improved their talent and helped them go on to state. "We had a lot of games that went into extra innings which gave us more practice," Lang said.

Going to state all came down to who wanted it and who was willing to show up to every game. Despite the rough schedule, the girls succeeded winning 41 of their 53 regular season games. Though they lost as they went on to Fort Dodge for the state tournament, pride was still high. *spread by Kiley Dewhurst and Alle Moffit*

Preparing to Catch

Graduated senior, Sara Embrey reaches out for a catch in the game against Ames. During the game the team scored ten runs in an inning. They went on to set a new school record in a game of 21-1



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With her eye on the ball

Senior Abby Morris watches a low pitch bounce past. The varsity played a double header against Ames, both games ended with wins. The scores were 6-1 and 4-2.

Just missing the pass

Senior Sarah Peppmeier falls short of catching the ball against opponent Ames. Although the ball slipped through, she still felt good about the game. "The Ames game was amazing. Our team had never played as well and everyone was hitting great," Peppmeier said.





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Thinking fast

Senior Libbie Reichling catches the ball to get her opponent out at second. She then went on to throw the ball for another attempted out. Although they had a good season, the team lost all three games at state.



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More than looking cool

Senior Jenna Jewell, with her sunglasses on, shades her eyes while catching a fly ball for an out. "I play right field and I have to stare into the sun as it sets every single game," Jewell said.

New found teamwork

The whole team watches as junior Emily Kuster gets ready to hit a line drive. "Everyone knew that we would do it, and that we could do it," Kuster said about state.

TEAM scores

| | |
|------------------|--------------|
| vs. East | 1-6, 2-4 |
| vs. Fort Dodge | 3-0 |
| vs. Urbandale | 10-0, 4-0 |
| vs. Ankeny | 3-0, 5-2 |
| vs. Preston | 5-0 |
| vs. New Hampton | 4-0 |
| vs. S.E. Polk | 1-0 |
| vs. Dowling | 0-1, 0-3 |
| vs. Linn-Marr | 10-1 |
| vs. Cedar Rapids | 9-0 |
| vs. Indianola | 7-1, 3-1 |
| vs. Ubandale | 4-0, 5-1 |
| vs. CMB | 7-0 |
| vs. Marshalltown | 6-0 |
| vs. Ankeny | 13-1(3), 6-0 |
| vs. Boone | 10-1 |
| vs. ADM | 4-2(8) |
| vs. Van Meter | 1-(8) |
| vs. Winterset | 1-0(12) |

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Boys' Swimming

State qualifiers make the year

Senior Sam Schroeder's head popped out of the water as he touched the wall at the end of the 200 free at state. His time, 1:47:56, a lifetime-best, placed him eighth in the state competition. "I was pretty happy because I had been sick on Tuesday (before the meet on Saturday)," Schroeder said. "I was happy with my recovery time in a longer race."

Team Spirit

Sophomore Cullen Hirst cheers on his team from the diving board as he waits to begin his race.

Hirst usually swam relays. "I'm usually the breaststroker for the relays," Hirst said.

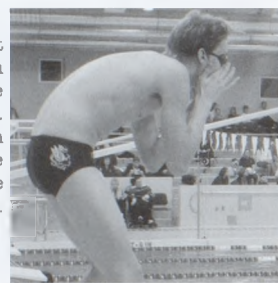


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team we are stronger."

Walling said that state was more for individual performances and thus, the depth of the team was not as evident.

The conference meet, which the team won for the second year in a row, showcased the teams strength in number. At conference, an unlimited number of swimmers may swim in each event, as opposed to districts and state where teams are limited to three swimmers in each event.

Cullen Hirst, sophomore, was thrilled with his conference performance. "It was a great meet. I had my lifetime best time and lettered for the first time," he said.

The team also nabbed second at districts, beating all but Valley, which advanced it to state. "It was nice to experience state with more teammates than I ever had before, Schroeder said. *spread by Bethany Christenson*

Schroeder was one of nine swimmers who qualified in 10 of the 11 state events. The swimmers posted 19 lifetime-best times and placed 17th as a team. "When people have their life-time best times, you can't ask for more," coach Shari Walling said. "However, as a



Taking a Breather

Senior Patrick Hanson takes in a quick breath while swimming the 500 freestyle at the Johnston/Indianola meet. Hanson won his race and Johnston later won the meet 103-62.

Sprint to the Finish

Waukee senior, foreign exchange student Dima Kolomiyets swims at the Johnston/S. E. Polk meet. The team had three foreign exchange students, the most it has ever had.

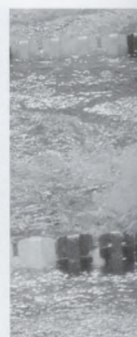




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Sportsmanship

Sophomore Soren Hirst shakes the hand his S.E. Polk opponent. Johnston beat South East Polk 128-39, and later went on to pull through with a win against Dowling.

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Communication

Head Coach Shari Walling talks to Urbandale sophomore John Waldorf about his time in the backstroke. "I'm really involved with the kids scores and helping them achieve their personal best," Walling said.



Pep Talk

Captain Ben Hokscho gives the team a motivational talk during a 15-minute break at the Johnston/S.E. Polk meet. "I do the enforcing and I let Ben give the talks," senior Nick Schumacher said.

TEAM scores

| | |
|-------------------------|-----------|
| vs. Ottumwa | 113-55 |
| | 3rd 194 |
| vs. Ames Invite | 78-92 |
| vs. Ames | 115-55 |
| vs. Roosevelt | 2nd 67 |
| vs. Marshalltown Relays | 73-97 |
| vs. Valley | 97-73 |
| vs. Ankeny | 128-39 |
| vs. S. E. Polk | 89-81 |
| vs. Dowling | 1st 327 |
| Johnston Invite | 103-62 |
| vs. Indianola | 1st 392.5 |
| CIML Invite | 2nd 299 |
| Districts | 17th 13 |

State

Rob Baney- 200 IM, 50 Free
 Anthony Kottke- 200 IM, 100 Breast
 Stroke
 Mitch Taylor-200 IM, 100 Fly
 Andrew Montsier- 200 IM, 200 Free
 Sam Schroeder-200 Free, 100 Free,
 400 Free Relay
 Patrick Hanson-200 IM, 200 Free
 Relay, 400 Free Relay
 Tim Albright-200 IM, 100 Fly,400
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 Michael Dreyer- 100 Breaststroke
 Ben Hokscho- 400 Free Relay

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Girls' Swimming

Power points increase while practices divide

The season proved to be one of power. "Our power point total was high because of the number of swimmers we have that can swim a variety of events very well," head coach Shari Walling said.

Power points were scored by a team if its times were as fast as the competitive time standards.

The team scored 1,511 points, 171 more than the previous year. Its total was third overall in the state.

Along with the team's power points, the team placed sixth at the state swimming meet.

Walling credits its success to a new practice schedule. Instead of having the entire team practice twice daily, varsity had two-a-day practices while JV had one

practice in the afternoon.

The schedule changed because the team almost doubled its numbers and needed more space, according to assistant coach Darin Robertson.

The varsity felt that they had more one-on-one time with Walling and enjoyed the extra space that the new practices allotted. "The new practices gave us more time for the coaches to help us individually," senior Michelle Gillotti said.

Even though the new practices strengthened the team point-wise, they weakened the team's unity. Senior Megan Danielson said, "(Walling) had her traditions and we had ours from years before. It seemed hers were to work hard and win. Ours were to have fun and make friends."

Walling planned to continue the practice schedule for the coming year. "I heard more compliments (than complaints) from swimmers that appreciated that they were the focus of my attention," she said. *spread by Felicia Hoover and Grace Meiners.*

Whistling away

Shari Walling whistles to signal starts during warmups before the meet against Dowling. Walling had each girl complete three to four starts before each meet along with approximately 500 meters of warm ups.



photo by Grace Meiners



Getting support

Junior Sarah Mueller pushes herself as she hears her team cheer during a meet at Summit. Mueller felt the cheering she received from her teammates helped her to do better in the race. "If they tell me that I'm winning for close, it gets me going faster," she said.

Turn and burn

Varsity sophomore, Meredith Geels pushes off the wall during a home meet. Geels participated in the 100 meter breaststroke and the 100 meter freestyle races. Geels participated "because I've been swimming for a really long time, and it's the only sport that I like."





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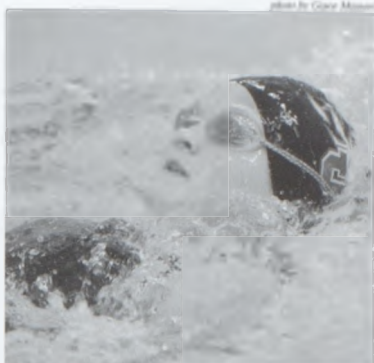


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Back on Track

Sophomore Hannah Smith swims the backstroke at a meet against Marshalltown and North. Smith placed first in the 100 meter backstroke at the regional meet allowing her to advance to state. Smith finished ninth at the state meet.

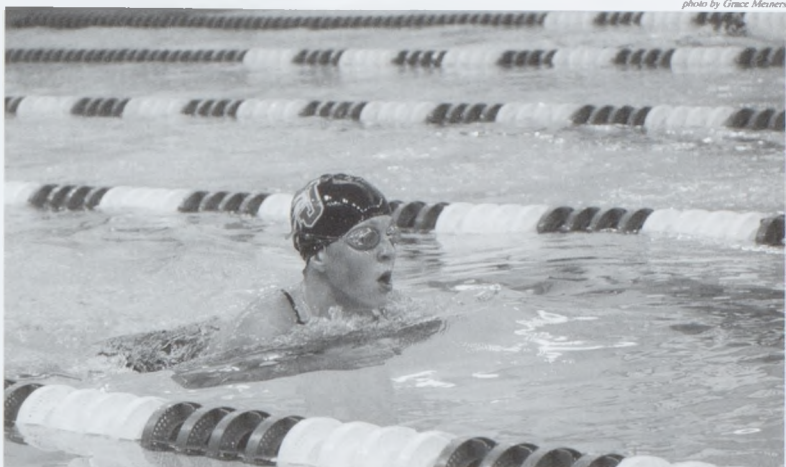


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Helping a teammate

Urbandale sophomore Kelly McCleary helps sophomore Lexi Evans out of the pool after Evan's races. Evans enjoyed getting to know all of her teammates. "We got to know each other because we were with each other 24/7," she said.



Breathing hard

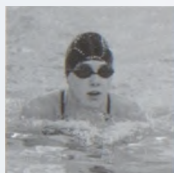
Junior Katie Luksetich competes during a meet at the Summit pool.

Luksetich said, "I was faster in all of my events this year." She thought that this was partially due to the fact that she started competing in the 500 meter freestyle, a distance race, which helped to condition herself for other races.

TEAM scores

| | |
|-------------------------|-----|
| vs. Ottumwa | 1st |
| vs. Roosevelt | 1st |
| vs. Ames Invite | 1st |
| vs. Marshalltown, North | 1st |
| vs. Marshalltown Invite | 2nd |
| vs. Indianola | 1st |
| vs. CR Kennedy Invite | 2nd |
| vs. Ankeny | 2nd |
| vs. Johnston Invite | 2nd |
| vs. SEP | 1st |
| vs. Dowling | 1st |
| vs. CIML | 2nd |
| vs. Districts | 2nd |
| vs. State | 6th |
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Boys Tennis

One meet short of team state

Concentration

Senior Jesse Pullen prepares to return the ball to his opponent. Pullen was the number four singles player for the varsity team. "It was fun (to play varsity team).

I met a lot of other classmates and we did a lot of different drills and played a lot of different people," Pullen said.



photos by Nate Gonner

Standing six feet five inches tall, Fort Dodge senior, Mitch Eslick dominated most of the challengers he faced. Senior Joey Verrant, the all-time most winning tennis player in Johnston history, was his next target at the sub-state team. Every time Verrant hit the ball, Eslick returned it with relative ease. Eslick attacked the net with extreme aggression after every serve. As the match continued Eslick attacked even harder, eventually

winning 6-0, 6-1. "He was really good. He was tall and very athletic," Verrant said. "He had to be the best volleyer I have ever seen in my life."

After pulverizing the competition for most of the year, going undefeated in the regular season and beating many of their challengers 11-0, the boys got

a taste of defeat losing to Fort Dodge 5-1 in the substate final, one round away from team state. "Fort Dodge had qualified for team state the past two years," coach Leslie Shipp said. "It's hard to beat that type of experience."

The lone Dragon win went to senior Jesse Pullen, who won his match against Mike Rodewald 7-5, 6-2. His brother, senior Andy Pullen was in one of the more grueling matches of the day, losing to Fort Dodge senior Greg Bilgard 3-6, 6-3, 6-3. "I was extremely tired and it was one of those matches that could have gone either way because both of us had similar playing styles and we don't make careless mistakes," Andy said.

Although they lost in substate, this kind of hard work reflected the team's work ethic. "Andy's effort (in his match against Bilgard) characterized the season. This group was coachable and worked hard," Shipp said. "That's why they were successful." *spread by Nate Gonner and Matthew Courtney*



Serving

Jumping high in the air, senior Joey Verrant serves the ball to his Ankeny opponent at districts. Verrant became the first two-time state qualifier in school history. He and his doubles partner Drew Imhoff won their first round at state but did not place.





photo by Matthew Courtney

Quick Reaction

Showing his quick reflexes, senior Trevor Pullen makes an attempt to return the ball. "He was probably the toughest singles guy I played all year," Pullen said.

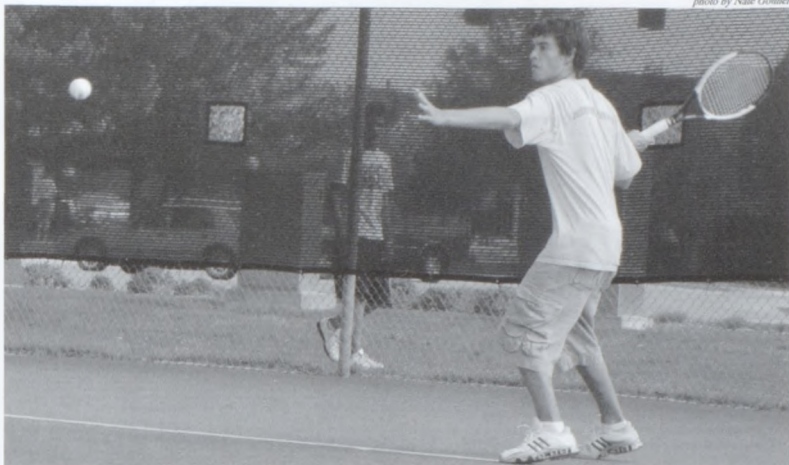


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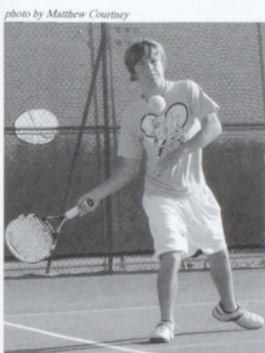


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Smashing the Ball

Making a move on the ball, junior Josh Kintz prepares to return the volley at the South East Polk tennis meet. Kintz played both singles and doubles. He was 3-0 in singles matches and 17-0 in doubles matches with his partner senior Scott Sauber.

Showing Patience

Senior Drew Imhoff waits to return the volley to his Dowling opponent.

"On senior night, (Tim) Brickley got a band and

I won 6-0, 6-0. It was a pretty easy match,"

Imhoff said.

On the Attack

Attacking the net, sophomore Ryan Palmer prepares to hit the volley to his Dowling opponent. The Dragons beat the Maroons 11-0. Palmer won his match 6-1, 6-2.

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TEAM Scores

| | |
|-----------------|--------|
| vs. Marshallown | 11-0 |
| vs. Ottumwa | 10-1 |
| Johnston Invite | first |
| vs. North | 11-0 |
| vs. Boone | 11-0 |
| vs. Urbandale | 9-2 |
| Ankeny Invite | first |
| vs. Ankeny | 9-2 |
| vs. Roosevelt | 7-4 |
| vs. SEP | 11-0 |
| vs. Dowling | 11-0 |
| vs. Indianola | 11-0 |
| Districts | first |
| Substate | second |

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Girls' Tennis

Up to the Challenge

Getting Ready

Woodward-Granger senior, Natasha Knapp, prepares to serve during her match at Urbandale. Knapp pursued tennis at Johnston, occupying the top varsity spot, since Woodward-Granger had no tennis team.



photo by Cory Gagne

The girls arrived at tennis practice their first day to discover major changes for the year. All were prepared to have government teacher Ben Knight as their new coach, but were shocked to find out that their top varsity player decided not to play.

Not having their top player forced all of the girls to move up in positions. "It put pressure on the whole team," varsity member Susan Clausen, junior, said. "It is hard playing against people who are just a little bit better than you."

The top spot then belonged to Natasha Knapp, a senior from Woodward-Granger. "I enjoy playing here because everybody is friendly," Knapp said. "It is also a relaxed atmosphere, so we can just have fun and play."

According to junior Emily Kuster, the team got along with Knapp well. "Natasha is hilarious," Kuster said. "She's very high energy."

Despite the changes, the team did well for the season. "We haven't won as many games as we would have liked, but the girls have been competitive," Knight said. "The girls have also been very respectful and easy to coach, so the season has still been successful." *spread by Cory Gagne and Leah Kron.*



Dive for It

Scrambling forward to reach for a short ball, junior Emily Kuster competed at a home meet against Marshalltown. Kuster was ranked third singles and second doubles on the varsity team.

Bump for Luck

Doubles partners, sophomores Rachel Lang and Maggie Thilges congratulate one another during a match at Urbandale. "Even if we've lost the point, we just want to encourage each other to keep it up," Thilges said.





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Pull Back and Aim

The only freshman to play on the JV or varsity tennis teams, Jenny Ajluni competed at the home courts versus Indianola in May. Ajluni was ranked fifth singles on varsity behind junior and senior players.



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Prepare to Hit

After a week-long break from playing, senior Amanda Jones faced Indianola at a home meet. The girls had to keep off the courts for a week halfway through their season in order for them to be resurfaced.

Working Together

Waiting and ready for Urbandale to respond to her partner's serve, junior Rachel Winterbottom plays with sophomore Megan Junge. It was only Junge's second year of playing tennis. "I had never played tennis before and I wanted to try," Junge said. "It seemed like something different to do."

TEAM scores

| | |
|---------------------|------|
| vs. Marshalltown | 1-10 |
| Johnston Inv. | 2nd |
| vs. Ottumwa | 1-10 |
| vs. Roosevelt | 3-8 |
| vs. North | 11-0 |
| vs. Urbandale | 5-6 |
| vs. Ankeny | 2-9 |
| vs. South East Polk | 6-1 |
| vs. Indianola | 7-4 |
| vs. Urbandale | 4-7 |
| vs. Dowling | 0-11 |
| vs. Ames | 0-6 |

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Boys' Track Faster than Quick

On the move

Senior Andrew Doudna sprints to beat his opponents in the 100 meter dash at the state track meet at Drake Stadium.



photo by Austin Pierce

At the CIML Conference meet in Ankeny, senior Andrew Doudna broke the high school record for the 100-meter dash. It was not a new experience for him. Doudna had broken five other records throughout the school year; however, this was different. Doudna had just broken the more

than two decade old 100-meter dash record previously held by his best friend, Joel Quick's father, Jerry Quick.

At Ankeny, Doudna achieved a time of 10.77 seconds.

"I figured this was my last year here, so I'd probably better go all-out," Doudna explained. "I decided just to break records, and I ended up breaking six."

Doudna said that he had wanted his friend to break his father's record, but Quick ended the season on the injured list and was not able to do this on his own.

"It was pretty cool," Joel said. "I mean, he's my best friend and he had a really great year, so he deserved it. I was proud of him."

According to Doudna, Jerry Quick took his replacement all in stride.

"He was really cool about it. He actually came down and gave me a hug after the race. We're pretty close," Doudna said. *spread by Austin Pierce and Nikki Ward*



Rounding the finish

Junior Jay Quick rounds the curve of the track in the 4x8 just ahead of his opponent. "I love the competition in track," Quick said.

On the final stretch

Sprinting on his final approach, senior Joel Quick races to hand off his baton to his teammate. "I like baton races more because you get to be apart of a team rather than just on your own," Quick said.



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Gaining an edge

Pushing himself in the 1600 meter race, junior Nate Nuzum just passes his Rossevelt High School opponent. "I like to run long distances because it just gives me my own part of the track team I could dominate," Nuzum said.



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Taking the fall

Sophomore Matt Dickerson descends from the long jump at the Urbandale track meet. "Doing long jump is like flying for a few seconds. Then you hit the ground and it's all over," Dickerson said.

Tense at the blocks

Waiting in anticipation of the gun shot, sophomore Nathan Clock prepares to take off in a relay.

"I like relays more because it's nice to have my teammates there to depend on," Clock said. Sophomore Reid Jewel held the starting block.

TEAM scores

| | |
|--------------------------|-----------|
| at Iowa State University | No Record |
| at JHS Invite | No Record |
| at Valley | No Record |
| at Urbandale | 5th Place |
| at Boone | 4th Place |
| at Roosevelt | 1st Place |
| at Urbandale | 1st Place |
| at Conference | 1st Place |
| at District | 3rd Place |
| at State | 3rd Place |

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Girls' Track

Share the Love

Trophies, plaques, ribbons-- there are so many different forms of acknowledgement of a job well done that choosing which to peddle out to their players has become a deep, thought provoking question for coaches. However, the most sought after type of accreditation, the love and appreciation of the general public, has remained ever elusive, especially for the girls participating in field events on the girls track team. "People just don't know about field events because it's all away from the track. Spectators notice the long jump because it is in the track, but throwers go unseen," junior



Teresa Davis- junior



Taylor Gowey- junior

Teresa Davis, who qualified for state in the discus, said. Throwing competitions, such as the shotput and discus, took place at the very beginning of track meets, so next to no spectators attempted to witness the events, much to the dismay of field competitors. "I wish more people would come watch field events, cause it feels good when people watch, like they care about the whole team, not just the runners," junior Taylor Gowey, who qualified for the high jump at Drake Relays and state, said.

The score field event participants raked in, greatly helping the team, allowing girls track to put a few more notches in the win category. *spread by Emily Roeser and Megan Browning*

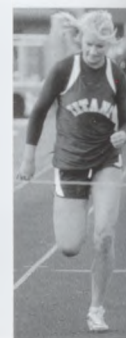


Flying over the hurdle

With a flock of both determination and uncertainty, sophomore Leah Embrey launches herself over a hurdle during the Johnston Invitational. Overall the team received second place.

Missed it by an inch

Racing, freshman Sam Jungman finishes up the 4x1. Jungman did not end up winning the race but was not far behind her opponents. "I was excited to make 4x1 for J.V. as a freshman, it was a big deal to me," said Jungman.



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DRAGON TRACK



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Casting her vote

Making her top choice for the new track uniforms the teams were getting, sophomore Becky Cooper writes down the letter of the corresponding choice on the paper. "They (new uniforms) look a lot more put together than the last ones," said Cooper.



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Lend a helping hand

After a hurdles race at the Johnston invite, senior Alexis VanVleet helps remove the hurdles for the upcoming races.

Catching up on homework

Between events senior Rebecca Gallegos works on her modern literature homework during the Hoover meet. "I work on homework during meets all the time, it's the only time you have to get it done," said Gallegos.

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Volleyball

Changes set new standards

Movin' up

Freshman Taylor Knuth keeps her eye on the ball during practice. Knuth said, "The switch to varsity wasn't hard because of my competitive attitude. I want to win."

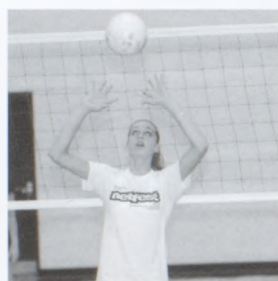


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The volleyball team had to create an entirely new identity. They started a freshman and had to adjust to completely new playing positions. "I feel pretty good about our season," junior Sarah Froehlich said. "There were a couple of losses that shouldn't have been, but it's been pretty exciting."

A major change for the team to get used to was Taylor Knuth, the first freshman to play varsity since 1998. "It's a drive (to be the only freshman), because you have to focus to keep up with everyone," Knuth said.

With her hard work and ambitious attitude, the rest of the team felt having Knuth play was an honor as well. "Taylor adds height and a good sense of humor,"

senior Abby Morris said.

A further change to the team was playing positions. The only person to play the same position as last year was junior Susan Clausen, who played setter. Clausen said, "As a team, it was hard to be playing new positions toward the beginning, but as the season went on it got more comfortable."

The constant factor was coach Rick Brooks, who had coached volleyball for twelve years. Brooks thought the season went very well. "There were some major changes, but we improved with each match," Brooks said.

It was a season of new standards for the team, but the girls would tell you that change isn't always a bad thing. "We have good team unity, which helps us win," Abby Morris said. *spread by Cory Gagne and Leah Kron*



Debate determines call

Senior Liz Sigmund discusses an out of bounds call with the referee during the substate game. The call was overturned, giving the point and possession to Johnston.

Over the net

Playing against her teammates in a September scrimmage, sophomore Colleen Kinsey spikes the ball. Holly Von Fumetti and Leslie Tinnermeier readied themselves to assist Kinsey.





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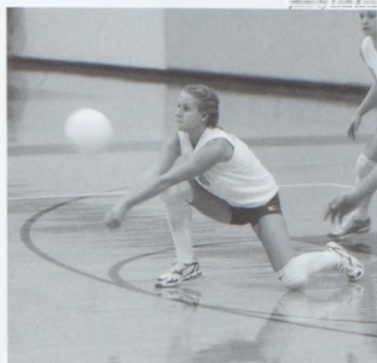


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On her knee

JV team member Kendra Beane, senior, dives for a pass. The JV team watched and supported every varsity match. Senior Allie Norelius said, "We're all friends on and off the court."



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Pressure's on

More than ready to receive the serve, seniors Alexis Van Vleet and Stephanie Bower play in a packed JHS gym during their substate game.

The team won their first match, but lost the second two to Valley.

Aimed to strike

Junior Susan Clausen prepares to respond to a serve at the substate game. Clausen was second team all-state and played setter for two years on varsity.



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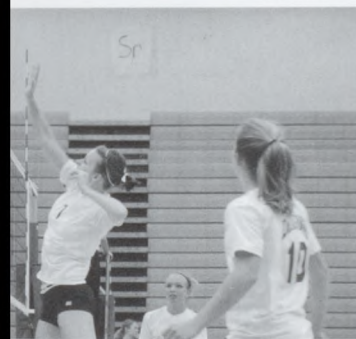


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TEAM scores

| | |
|------------------------|-----------------------|
| vs. Ottumwa | 0-3 |
| vs. Roosevelt | 3-0 |
| CR Washington Invite | 1st |
| vs. North | 3-0 |
| Ballard Invite | 1st |
| vs. Indianola | 3-0 |
| vs. Urbandale | 3-0 |
| Urbandale Invite | 4th |
| vs. Ankeny | 0-3 |
| Oskaloosa Invite | 1st |
| vs. SE Polk | 3-1 |
| vs. Pella Christian | 3-1 |
| Johnston Invite | 2nd |
| vs. Dowling | 3-0 |
| vs. Valley (sub-state) | 1-3 |
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Wrestling

Knocked out of the tournament

After 4:30 of wrestling at the state tournament, junior Kyle McDowell ended his season. McDowell blacked out, not regaining consciousness until after the match, unaware that he had lost until an hour later. "I thought they just stopped the match, I didn't know I had lost,"

McDowell said.

McDowell had been holding a 7-1 lead until he was put in a cradle by Waterloo West's Keeyon Carter.

The hold caused McDowell to choke and then lose consciousness. "I was scared, because he's my best friend. I really freaked out when they had to

carry him off the mat," senior Brett Turner said.

After being looked over by the doctor, McDowell was told there was no possible way he could wrestle his consolation match. "I was ranked fifth before the tournament, so I was really mad and sad when they told me I couldn't wrestle," McDowell said.

McDowell was one of four to wrestle at state. Junior Ricky Rodriguez qualified, but also lost in the first round. Junior Eric Reese finished seventh and sophomore Josh South placed fifth. "I think it was a very good tournament," coach Brian Reece said, "Any time you place half of the qualifiers, it is a good tournament." *spread by Dani Martinson*

Waiting for the whistle

Junior Topher Riddle anticipates the whistle underneath SE Polk's Ethan Bass. Riddle won the match helping Johnston beat SE Polk 33-29. It was the Ram's first conference loss in two years.

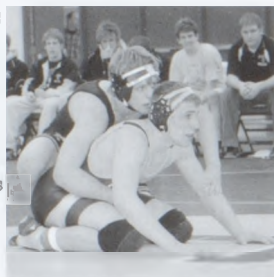


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All choked up

Wrapped in the arms of Waterloo West's Keeyon Carter, junior Kyle McDowell struggles to unleash Carter's grip. McDowell was choked and blacked out, causing him to lose the first round of the state wrestling tournament. McDowell was forced to forfeit the tournament due to his injury.

Tackling the opponent

Laying on top of his Indianola opponent, sophomore Josh South prepares to pin his competition. South ended his season 37-7 and went to the state tournament for the second time. South said he had no special practices for the big meet because "the whole season is preparation for state."





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Determination

Standing in the starting stance, junior Ricky Rodriguez sets up for his match against South Tama's Logan Mathes. Although Rodriguez lost, his team managed a victory over South Tama and won the Johnston Invite overall.

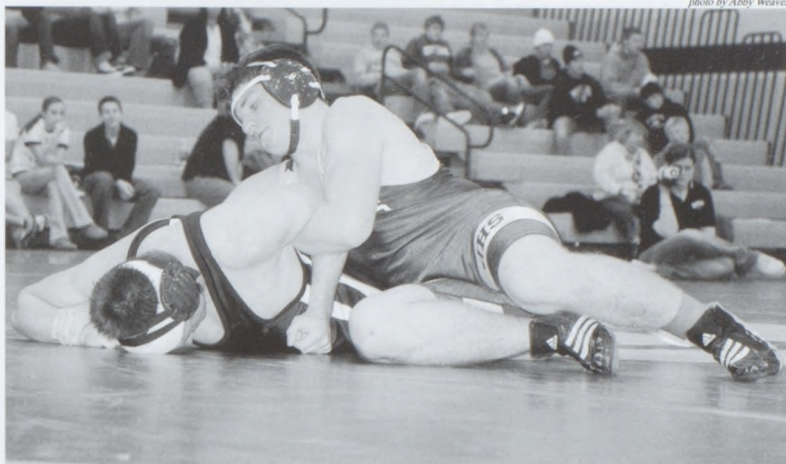


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Defeating

Senior Eric Dreibelbeis shoves his Roosevelt rival's head into the mat. Dreibelbeis won his match and finished off his last year of wrestling very satisfied. "I am very happy with my season. I went from a losing season last year to a winning season," Dreibelbeis said.

Hands tied

Tangled up with Urbandale's Marcus Van Scoy, junior Kyle Thomann tries to figure a way out of the position he is stuck in. Thomann eventually escaped and fought to a victory. Thomann and Van Scoy faced each other three times during the season and Thomann won all three matches.



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TEAM scores

| | |
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| at Ottumwa | 37-36 |
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| vs. Roosevelt | 15-52 |
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| at North/Hoover | 57-16 |
| CLARINDA INVITE | 1st |
| at Urbandale | 40-26 |
| BOONE INVITE | 2nd |
| vs. Ankeny | 29-30 |
| vs. SE Polk | 33-29 |
| JOHNSTON INVITE | 1st |
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
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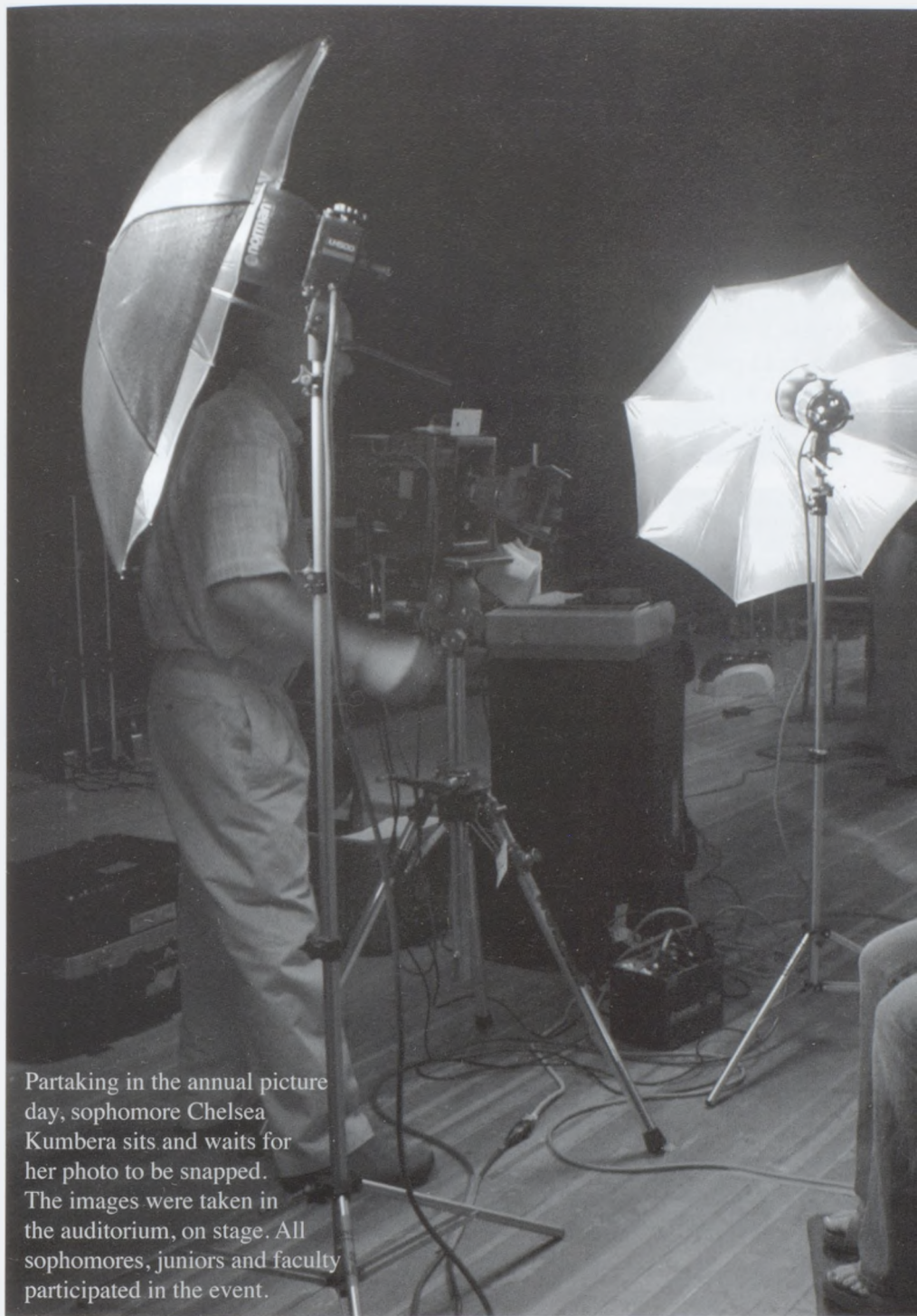
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L ights. Smile and pose. Snap. In some cultures, it was believed that you would lose your soul when a photo was taken of you. Either no one had a soul, or a photo was a piece of paper featuring your candid appearance in 2006.

To further impress identity into you, the reader, staff members inquired upon the feature candidates with a barrage of questions that demanded personality from their words. Senior Brandon Thompson discussed his bartending position at Trophy's Bar and Grill, though still a high schooler, awaiting graduation.

Students revealed their inner peace with their hobbies, such as the non-athletic guitarist, the ceramist-dancer, students confessing to bandwagon conformity, the tall-trekker, the pool player, a guy caught on fire, an emotional snow-lady, the tumbler, a Chinese culturist, the hard-core Britney Spears groupie and the selected few that uplifted school spirit.

Separating their words from another's, the candidates released their candid unique qualities. *spread by Rebekka Lynne Broeker and Elizabeth Marie Kirk*



Partaking in the annual picture day, sophomore Chelsea Kumbera sits and waits for her photo to be snapped. The images were taken in the auditorium, on stage. All sophomores, juniors and faculty participated in the event.



Annie Ekstrom

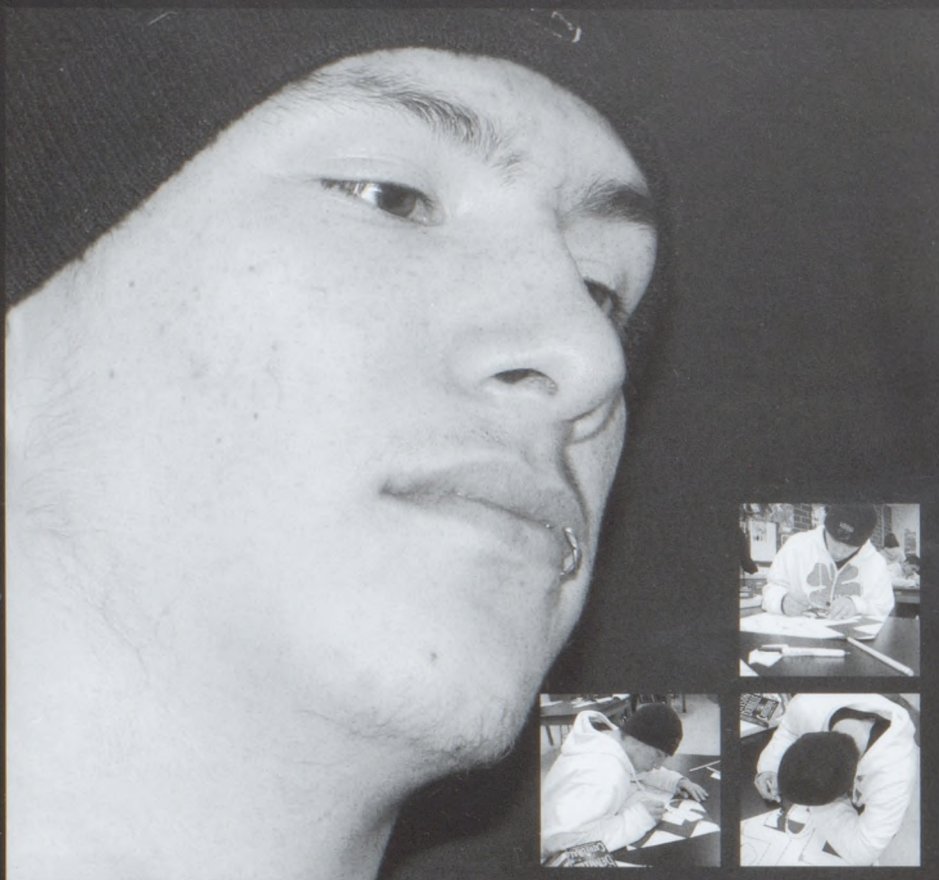
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Tara McCulley

Sandra Rodriguez

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■ HOW DO YOU WANT TO BE REMEMBERED, WHAT INSPIRES YOU: "(I want to be remembered) as the guy you could talk to, get along with, and (as) the Native American. My girlfriend, Danielle Licht, inspires me (to) go make something of myself."

■ WHAT IS A MEMORABLE EVENT THAT HAPPENED TO YOU: "The most memorable thing was putting my drawings in the state fair. I love to draw pictures."

■ WHAT DOES THE WORD IDENTITY MEAN TO YOU: "Identity is your personal you, who you are, what you do and how you do it. My hair makes me unique. No one has this hair, no one."

Jeff Orr '06

■ DO YOU FOLLOW THE BANDWAGON: "I just don't care. For example, most people have thrown away their N'SYNC CD's or Britney (Spears) or Spice Girls. Me, no way! I love that music. Don't call it a fetish, it's an obsession!"

■ WHAT TYPE OF ACTIVITIES ARE YOU INVOLVED IN: "I used to do show choir, but I quit. In my opinion, they would be way better if they did a Britney (Spears) song."

■ HOW DO YOU WANT TO BE REMEMBERED: "(I want to be remembered) as someone who was fun. I mean, Britney Spears for example. She looks like a fun person to hang out with. I like my friends diverse."

-Chelsea Wemndt '06



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Carol M.
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Albrecht
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Anagnost
Bethany
Aubuchon
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Beck-Cross

Rachael Marie
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Brandon Stuart
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Thomas
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Whitney Ann
Bryant
Joel
Bubeck
Tyler John
Buller

Thomas
Burkhead
Brad
Buster
Kathryn E.
Caldwell



DO YOU THINK YOU FIT INTO A CERTAIN KIND OF GROUP: "I pretty much hang out with whoever, whenever. I am willing to do whatever, whenever."

HOW DO YOU DEAL WITH BAD SITUATIONS: "I usually try to help out and take control. Depending on the situation, I may stay out of it."

WHAT TYPES OF ACTIVITIES ARE YOU INVOLVED IN: "I'm involved in show choir, chorus and bowling. I love singing to make people smile"

-Lauryln Torch '06

■ DO YOU FOLLOW THE BANDWAGON: "No, I don't wear the popular styles of clothing or listen to the popular music. "

■ WHAT IS A MEMORABLE EVENT THAT HAPPENED TO YOU: "(One) time I was on the sophomore (football) team, when the varsity team beat Urbandale into the playoffs and the crowd stormed the field. Then we got our picture put in the newspaper."

■ HOW DO YOU DEAL WITH BAD SITUATIONS: "Depending on the situation, I usually try to work them out calmly. I try to mediate between both sides of the fight."

-Patrick Klopfenstein '06



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Rebekah Ann
Casciato
Nick Adam
Ceolla
Eric
Chase
Corey Paul
Chancellor
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Chesnut

Emily Carol
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Nik David
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Klyn
Elsbury



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Melissa May
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Jennifer
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Dickens
Abigail
Dierks

Ashley
Dominguez
Andrew
Doudna
Eric
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Enzo
Echenique
Alecia
Eggers



■ **HOW DO YOU SHOW YOUR SCHOOL SPIRIT:**

"As a captain for the football team, I support my team on the field during varsity games and in the stands at every JV football game. I also went to every JV basketball game. I always cheer on everybody, even the underdogs that don't play as much."

■ **WHAT MAKES YOU**

UNIQUE: "My willingness to do pretty much everything makes me unique. I've lost my voice at

basketball games, I wore a girl's dress and was Miss Johnston Football 2005."

■ **HOW DO YOU WANT TO BE REMEMBERED:**

"(I want to be remembered) as a very outgoing person who is full of school spirit. I support Johnston in everything that I do."

Jeff Courtright '06

■ HOW DOES WORKING AT THE LIBRARY IDENTIFY

YOU: "It identifies me as someone who likes to relax, read, and do research. Not many kids from the high school work there so it's a nice break from the ordinary."

■ WHAT DOES IDENTITY MEAN TO YOU:

"It's who you are as a person, who you are deep inside, not just who you are on the outside trying to look cool. It will reflect your morals and personality."

■ WHAT IS SOMETHING THAT IDENTIFIES YOU:

"I'm a First Responder and that shows that I am a person who cares enough about other people to learn how to help them if they are in need."

-Rebekah Casciato '06



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Zachary Logan
Emmerson
 Daniel Keith
Engstrom
 Logan T.
Fiala
 McKenzee Renee
Fisher
 Jessica
Fondell

Ashley Marie
Forbes
 Kristin Noel
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 David G.
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Frakes
 Patrick Alan
Freese

Lazarus A.
French
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Friestad
 Nicholas Keith
Gardiner
 Jake
Garland
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 Nate Andrew
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Michelle
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 Allison
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Mike
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Patrick S.
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Lauren E.
Harvey
Grant David
Hayward
Todd
Herink

Missy Ann
Higgins
James R.
Hinchliff
Benjamin J.
Hokschi
Carah
Holliday
Peter Rose
Holmgren



■ WHAT HOBBIES DO YOU HAVE: "I write poetry. I started my freshman year. I've probably written over 30 poems. My favorite would probably be my first one called 'My Feelings.' "

■ WHAT DO YOU WRITE ABOUT: "Just my thoughts, pretty much, love and some depressing stuff. (It) depends on my mood, sometimes when I'm sad, and I can't tell people about it, (I write about it)."

■ WOULD YOU LIKE TO GET YOUR POEMS PUBLISHED: "Well they're on the internet right now, but yeah. I don't think they're all that great all the time."

-Brooklyn Desart '06

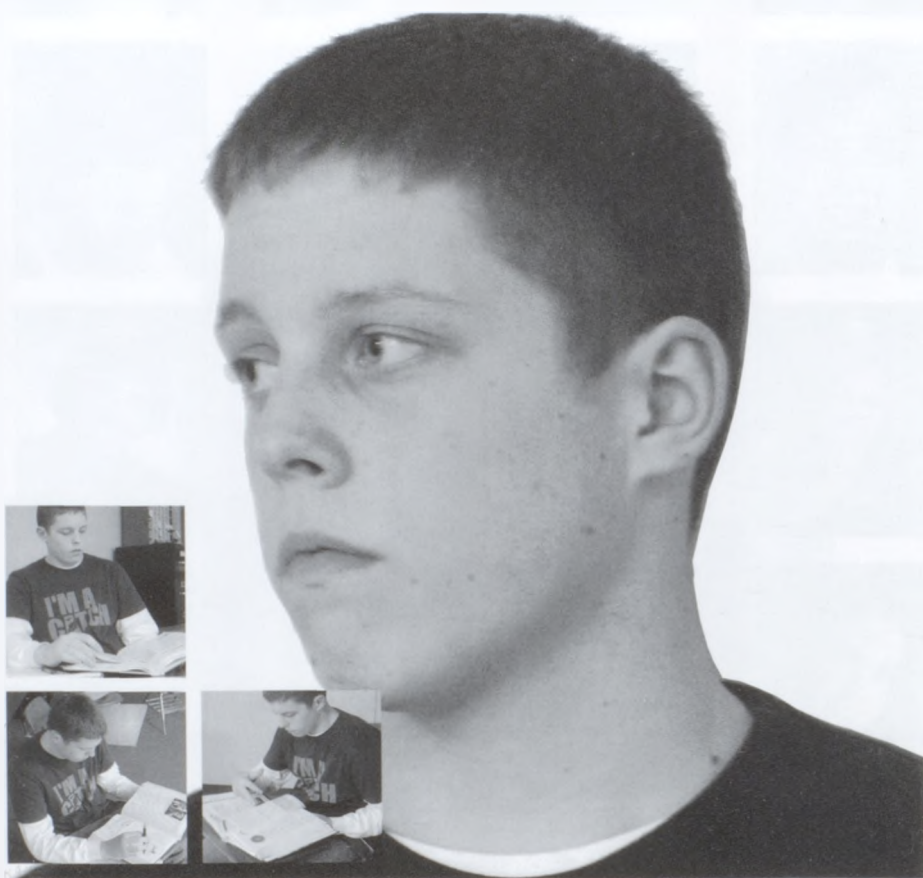
■ WHAT INSPIRES YOU: "My goals, I realize if I don't work for it, I'm definitely not going to accomplish them. There's no point in having goals if you're not going to accomplish them."

■ WHAT GOALS DO YOU HAVE AND HOW DO THEY HELP YOU: "To get into college and get a good scholarship. They help me stay grounded because, otherwise I would just be out there going on with life. My goals give me

a focus in life. If I feel passionately about something, I have the drive that will make me succeed at it."

■ WHAT ATTRIBUTES HELP YOU TO ACHIEVE YOUR GOALS: "I'm funny, easy to get along with, and I have good (tasteful) morals."

-Chris Jersperson 06



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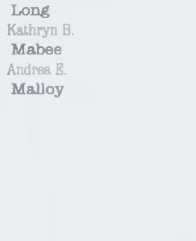


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Jeremiah
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Amanda Danielle
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Erica
King

Elizabeth Marie
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Patrick J.
Klopfenstein
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Rachel
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■ **WHAT TYPE OF ACTIVITIES ARE YOU INVOLVED IN:** "Currently I am involved in bowling, show choir, chorus, and FCA. I also bartend at Trophy's Bar & Grill at Plaza Lanes."

■ **HOW DO YOU WANT TO BE REMEMBERED:** "I would like to be remembered as someone who can bring joy to at least someone. To have made an impact in someone's life whether big or small."

■ **WHAT INSPIRES YOU:** "My mom and dad inspire me, because they are committed to what they do and I really admire that. They set their goals and almost always reach them."

-Brandon Thompson '06

■ HOW WOULD YOU WANT
TO BE REMEMBERED:

"I would like to be remembered as someone who fought to achieve what I want without backing down when I have to face obstacles such as not having enough money and dealing with stress."

■ WHAT INSPIRES YOU:

"My mom because she is an amazing woman. She went through school to become a midwife and achieve what she's wanted. She has

also been through tough times and handled it really well."

■ WHAT TYPE OF
ACTIVITIES ARE YOU

INVOLVED IN: "I mostly just work (and go to) school. I've done Best Buddies, mock trial, cheerleading, and I am really big into drama. I work at Planet Sub."

Jessica Corder '06



spread by Matthew Courtney



Danielle Rose
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Kyle James
McCracken
Lindsey Marie
McCulley
Anna Marie
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Korie William
McGinnis

Mari
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Emily
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Ashley Nichole
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Kayla M.
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Kevin
Messmaker

Matthew Meers
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Jessica Lynn
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Spencer T.
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Dan William
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Jenna Lynn
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Nathan Paul
Peterson

Kyle Joseph
Phillips
Brandon James
Pruitt
Andrew Tyler
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Jesse Alan
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Trevor James
Pullen



■ **WHAT SEPARATES YOU FROM THE CROWD:** "I'm an easy-going person. You never see me in a bad mood, and I smile all the time. I've had the nickname 'Smile' and sometimes the people that call me 'Smile' think that they are the only ones that do, and they aren't."

■ **WHAT IS ONE THING THAT PEOPLE IDENTIFY YOU WITH:** "Some people see me as crazy, because I can be hyper and random at times."

■ **WHAT MAKES YOU UNIQUE:** "I don't just go through the motions of everything. I like to be a leader sometimes not a follower. I like to take charge."

-Jason Deal '06

■ HOW DO YOU DEAL
WITH BAD SITUATIONS:

"Running, I bring my iPod and turn it up all the way. I run by Saylorville and listen to music and watch the scenery and it just takes your mind off things."

■ WHAT IS YOUR MOST
DEFINING MOMENT IN
YOUR LIFE: "I went through this phase where I got in trouble all the time and the consequences weren't worth the actions. I just realized that I wanted to prosper."

■ WHAT INSPIRES YOU:

"Honestly, everything, I can find inspiration in anything. It doesn't take much, as long as you're willing to be open-minded. It depends on how willing you are to be inspired. You can find inspiration in a dead leaf or a dead tree."

-Taylor Bell '06



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Sarah Kaye
Reese
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Jamie Lee
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Jonathan Ross
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Nick Jon
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Kelly Sue
Slater
Brian
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Ashley
Smith

Chelsea
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Shayla
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Steen
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Evan
Stone



■ WHAT SEPARATES YOU FROM THE CROWD:

"I don't spend time keeping up with the trends, because that's not what really matters. What really matters is your personality."

■ DOES THE MUSIC YOU LISTEN TO REFLECT WHO YOU ARE:

"The music I listen to is the mood I'm in when I listen to it. Like if it's up beat, I'm happy. If it's slow, I'm sad."

■ WHAT INSPIRES YOU:

"I'm inspired by living in Des Moines and by the people in Des Moines. The people here are amazing. You think Des Moines is a small town, but there are a lot of great people here."

Ashley Forbes '06

■ WHAT IS YOUR MOST MEMORABLE EVENT: "I met MXPX (a band). I got back stage passes and met the band: Tom Wisnewski, Mike Herrera, and the drummer Yuri Ruley- which is a wicked, awesome name to have."

■ WHAT DO PEOPLE NOT KNOW ABOUT YOU: "I am a Bible thumper (really religious) and I am proud of that. I am the Holly Rolling Bible Thumper. I am a wicked, awesome artist, too."

■ WHAT INSPIRES YOU: "Art and photos inspire me. I don't know why they do. It just sparks my interest and creativity. I see what other people have done and it makes me think that I can do ten times better, so I set out to prove it."

-Meri McGrath '06



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Amanda N.
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Brian J.
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Jessica Rae
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Dustin Adam
Van Zee
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Ashley
Brady



■ **DO YOU FOLLOW THE BANDWAGON:** "No, I think if you are following others you aren't thinking for yourself. It takes more guts to do what you want than what others want you to do."

■ **WHAT MAKES YOU UNIQUE:** "I'm not a specific label. I'm more of a collage of everything. I'm not in a specific clique, I'm more of a floater."

■ **WHAT DOES THE WORD IDENTITY MEAN TO YOU:** "Identity is who you make yourself out to be. It is your personality, your image and everything you put into yourself. It is not what other people think you are but who you make yourself."

Jenny Hahn '07

PICK SIX WORDS TO
DESCRIBE YOURSELF:

"I am tall, funny, adventurous,
ambitious, virtuous and chivalrous."

WHAT KIND OF MUSIC
DO YOU LISTEN TO AND
DOES IT REFLECT WHO YOU

ARE: "I listen to mostly rock, but a
little bit of everything except rap. I
hate rap! I think the music I listen to
tends to be crazy and ambitious and
I think that also describes me."

WHAT IS A DEFINING
MOMENT IN YOUR LIFE
AND HOW DID IT CHANGE

YOU: "I went to India on a
trekking trip and it really opened
my eyes to see the people in the
mountains relying on each other.
Everyone needs to work together to
accomplish anything. It was one of
the best things I have done."

-Frank Bates '06



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Alexander
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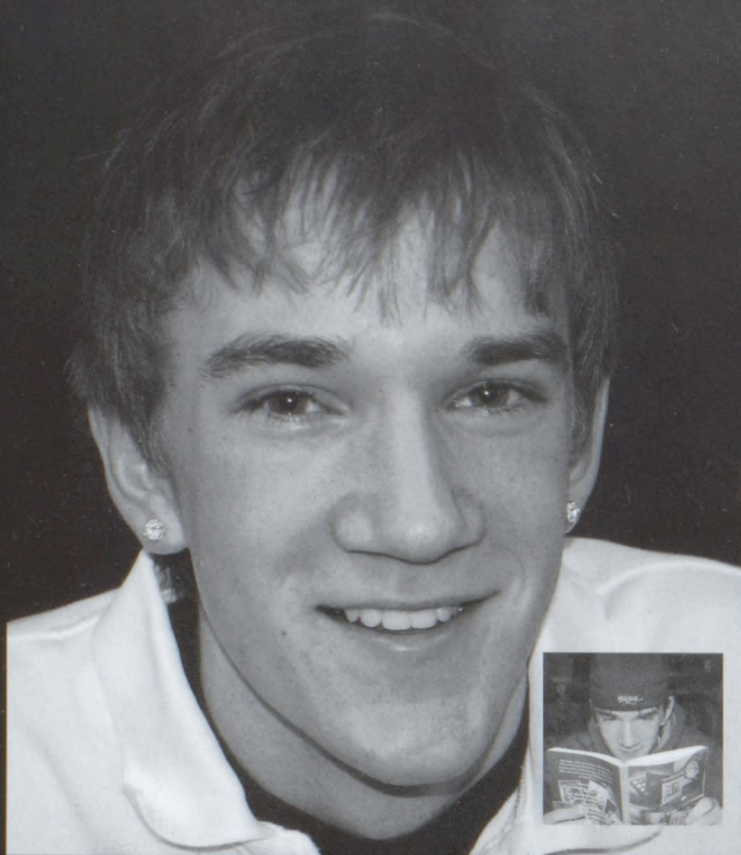
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Scott
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Cahill
Sean
Caligiuri

Daniel
Campbell
Joy
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Matt
Carlson
Michael
Carter
Micah
Casey



 **WHEN DID YOU FIRST START PLAYING POOL:**
"My dad got me into it when I was eleven, I've been playing ever since."

 **HOW MUCH POOL DO YOU USUALLY PLAY:**
"I used to play four or five times a week for a few years. Now I only play once every two weeks, but I'm still a pool shark."

 **WHY DO YOU LIKE POOL MORE THAN OTHER TYPES OF SPORTS:**
"In pool you need a lot of different skills: accuracy, power, patience, anticipation. All these things make a great pool player."

-Greg Helfner '07

■ WHEN DID YOUR KNEES
FIRST START ACTING

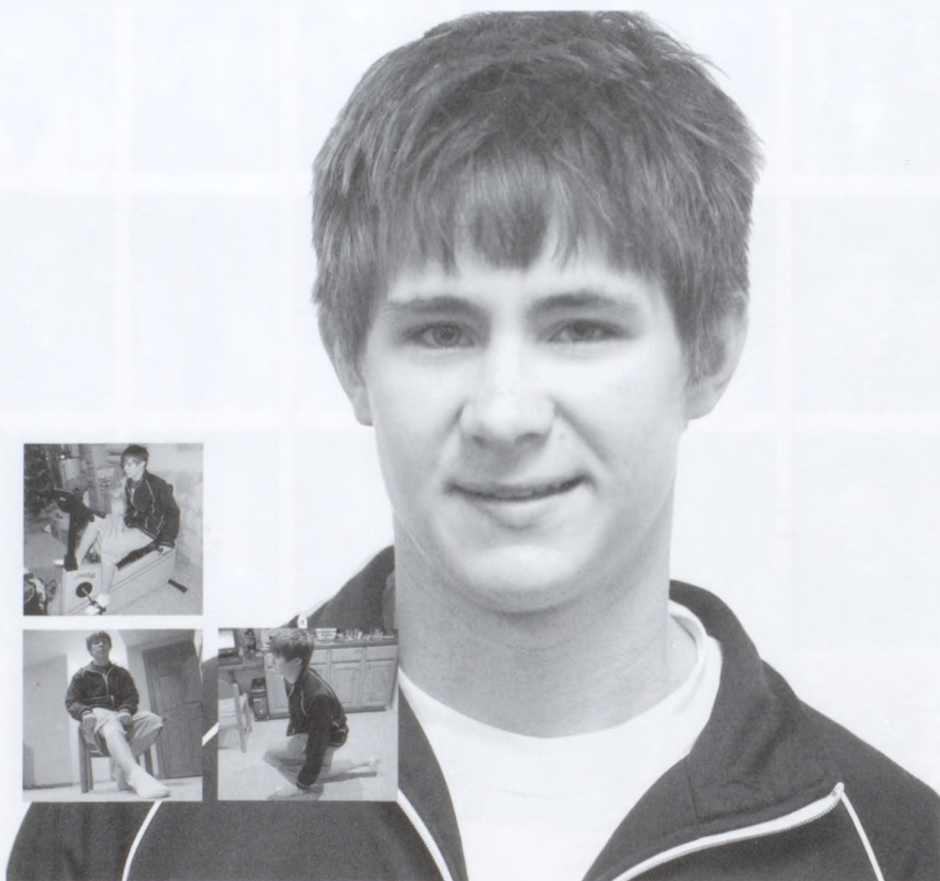
UP: "It's all genetics. My dad had bad knees when he was my age. My brother doesn't have it, so I had some bad luck by being the only one who got it."

■ HOW DO YOU HELP
YOUR INJURY: "I have to do a series of exercises: work tendons in my knees so they get strong enough to support the tendons that cause my knee caps to slide. When that happens, I'll stop doing my exercises for my knee."

■ WHAT ARE YOUR
LIMITS DUE TO YOUR

INJURY: "I had to quit roller hockey, because in hockey, there was too much reliance on my knees. When I'd fall on the rink it would just kill."

-Logan Koch '07



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Lindsey
Castellano
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Johnathan
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■ **HOW DO YOU DEAL WITH BAD SITUATIONS:**

"I try to keep my sense of humor all the time. I use sarcasm to give my problems a humorous spin."

■ **WHAT ARE SOME ACTIVITIES THAT YOU**

DO: "I'm involved with the Mayor's Youth Council, tennis, mock trial, accademic decathlon, SADD (Students Against Destructive Decisions), and TSA (Technological Student Association.)"

■ **WHAT EVENT HAS HAD THE MOST INFLUENCE IN YOUR**

LIFE: "I've moved twice, from Philly to Detroit, when I was 11 and from there to here in Johnston a few years later. I feel a lot safer in Johnston than Philly or Detroit."

-Megan Browning '06

■ WHAT IS THE MOST MEMORABLE EVENT THAT HAS HAPPENED TO YOU: "I won tickets to an N'SYNC Concert on the radio. I got to meet JC Chasez. It was really cool."

■ WHAT ARE SOME WORDS YOU WOULD USE TO DESCRIBE YOURSELF: "I'm pretty talkative, friendly, and nice. I like to be an individual; I don't really fit into any one group of kids."

■ HAVE YOU EVER HAD ANY EXPERIENCES THAT OPENED YOUR EYES: "Yeah, going to Europe was really cool. It helped me realize how big the world is, what other cultures are like."

-Carly Hammer '06



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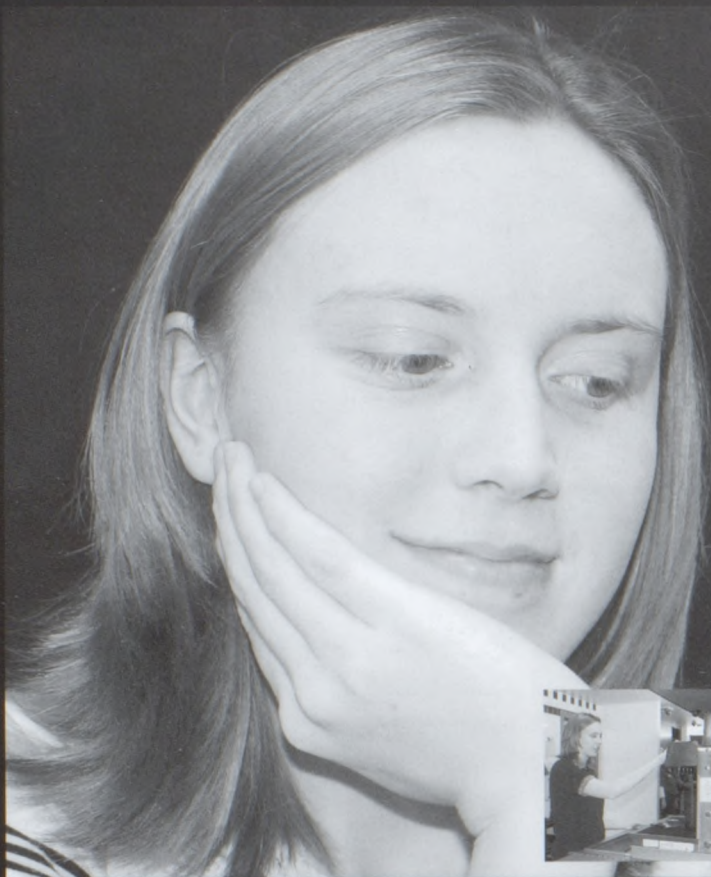
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WHAT TYPE OF ACTIVITIES ARE YOU INVOLVED IN: "I have two jobs. I work as a busser and hostess at Trostel's Greenbriar, and I'm a snack bar attendant at Plaza Lanes. I work 20 hours a week between the two jobs. I'm saving up to go to Europe in the summer."

DO YOU THINK YOU FIT IN A CERTAIN GROUP: "No, I've tried to be friends with just about everyone but I can't stand

being labeled. I prefer being friends with individual people who aren't friends with me based on the music I listen to or the clothes that I wear."

DO YOU HAVE ANY SKILLS OR TALENTS THAT NO ONE KNOWS ABOUT: "I'm really into foreign languages and will probably go into translations in college. I'm in Spanish III and AP French."

-Cassidy Williams '07

■ WHAT IS THE MOST
MEMORABLE EVENT
THAT HAPPENED TO YOU:

"Most memorable would have to be when my littlest brother was born. Being with a two-year-old brother changes how you react to things and gives you patience."

■ WHAT INSPIRES YOU:

"There are a lot of things that inspire me but there are only a few important things that affect my every-day life. The main ones would have

to be my family, my friends, and my book of Emily Dickenson's poetry."

■ HOW DO YOU WANT TO
BE REMEMBERED:

"I think I would like to be remembered by being me. To be known for helping people, working hard and being there for my friends."

Alycia Waterman '07



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■ WHAT SEPARATES YOU FROM THE CROWD:

"I'm always smiling. I'm usually the one talking, I like to lead the conversations. I'm always the shortest too."

■ WHAT ACTIVITIES ARE YOU INVOLVED IN: "I'm in SAIL, Innovation, concert choir, student council, JCYL, and I work at Hy-Vee. I'm always doing something, I'm always active."

■ HOW DO YOU WANT PEOPLE TO REMEMBER YOU: "I want to teach people something, but teach myself at the same time. I want to make a mark not just in the school, but in the whole world."

-Sam Leahy '07

DO YOU FOLLOW THE BANDWAGON: "Sort of, I try to be kind of different. I'm not afraid to do my own thing. I like to try and be original sometimes, but it's just good to follow the bandwagon."

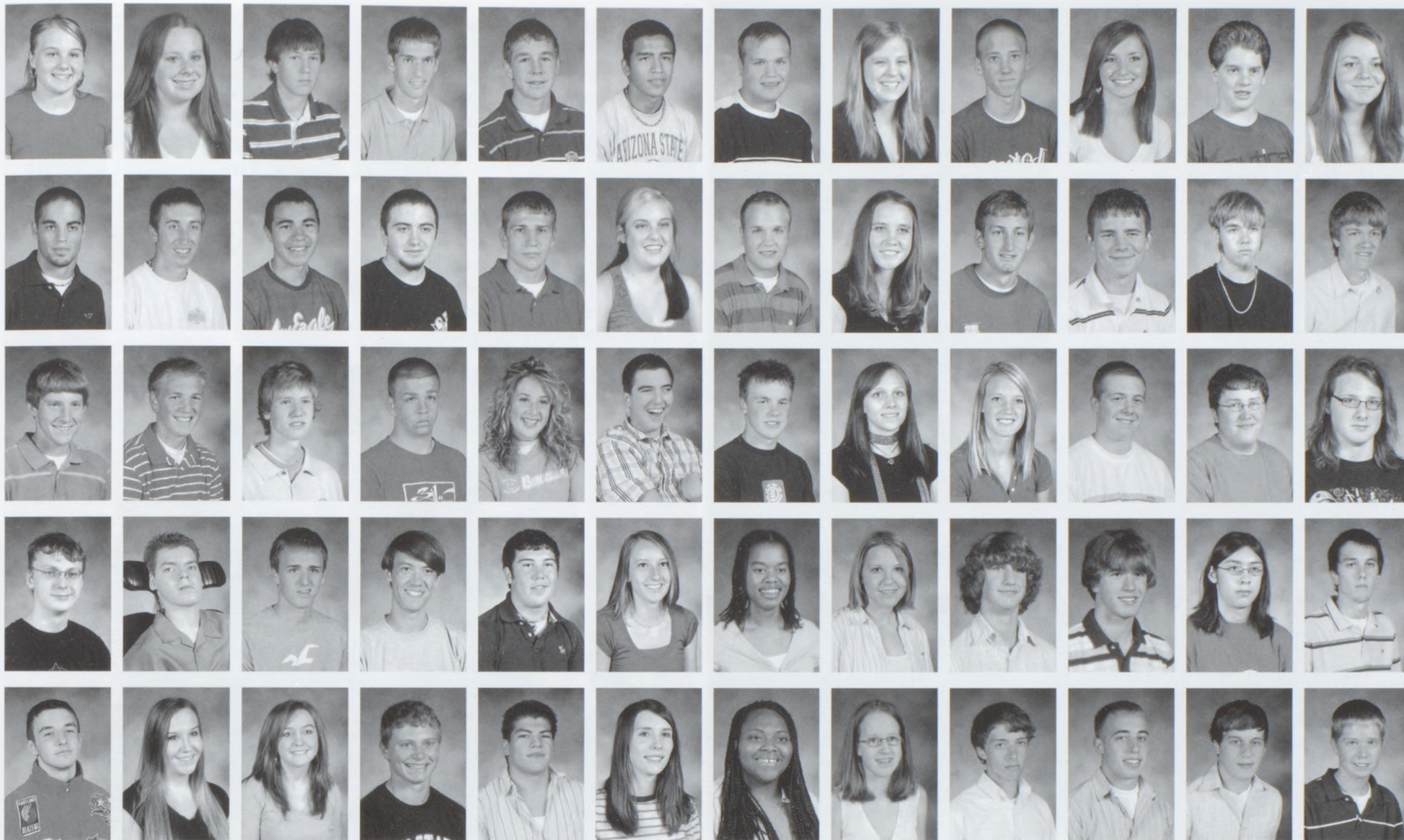
HOW DO YOU DEAL WITH NEGATIVE SITUATIONS: "I'll sit by myself for awhile and try to come up with a solution. If I still haven't thought of anything, I'll talk to my mom. I don't jump to conclusions."

WHAT IS ONE THING PEOPLE IDENTIFY YOU WITH: "A lot of people know I'm on dance team, and I take studio dance, so I'm usually identified by my dancing. I'm always very positive. People come to me when they need cheering up."

-Tana Friesth '07



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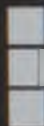


■ **WHAT MAKES YOU UNIQUE:** "I'm quiet. I guess I'm not as rowdy as other people. I'm more laid back than most people. I don't make a big deal out of really little things."

■ **WHY DO YOU LIKE PLAYING GUITAR:** "I like guitar because it's something that you don't have to be very athletic to do. It's easy because all you have to do is see the note and play it; you don't learn plays like in football."

■ **WHAT DOES THE WORD IDENTITY MEAN TO YOU:** "Identity is something that shows your character. It also shows your values and morals and things that are important to you."

-Matt James '07



■ WHAT MAKES YOU UNIQUE: "I have a very open mind. I'm understanding and sympathetic towards others and I really try hard not to judge people before I know them."

■ HOW DOES BEING A CERAMIST DEFINE YOU: "I wouldn't call myself a ceramist because I am only an art student. Creating pottery defines me because I am able to define and express myself through my creations."

■ HOW DO THE ACTIVITIES YOU DO DEFINE YOU: "Dancing and acting identify me because I physically have to role play to have a good performance, and they are both a way to express emotions and entertain people."

-Tine Schempp '07



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■ **DO YOU FOLLOW THE BANDWAGON:** "Yes and no. I follow my own thoughts and opinions when I don't agree with others. I try to be my own person, but sometimes it's just easier to follow the crowd."

■ **WHAT INSPIRES YOU:** "Reading and dancing. I can use my imagination and express myself and no one can judge me, it's just who I am."

-Stephanie Babcock 08

■ **HOW DO YOU WANT TO BE REMEMBERED:** "Someone who was nice to everyone and had fun during high school. I try to think things through before I judge, look for the angles of the situation."

■ WHAT DOES THE WORD
IDENTITY MEAN TO YOU:

"Identity, to me, is something that no one else has, each is unique in certain ways."

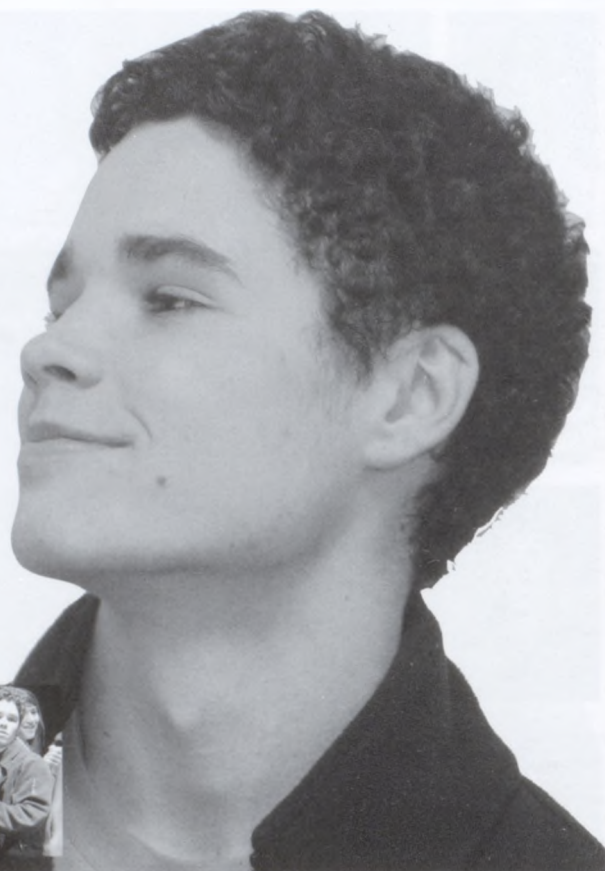
■ HOW DO YOU DEAL
WITH BAD SITUATIONS:

"I try to think of the bright side of the situations. I consider my glass half full, and try to make the best of it."

■ WHAT THINGS OR
ACTIVITIES DO YOU DO:

"(I) hang out with my friends, watch good movies, go on vacation, (play) tennis, play X-Box, (sing in) show choir and snowboard."

-Cody Gordon '08



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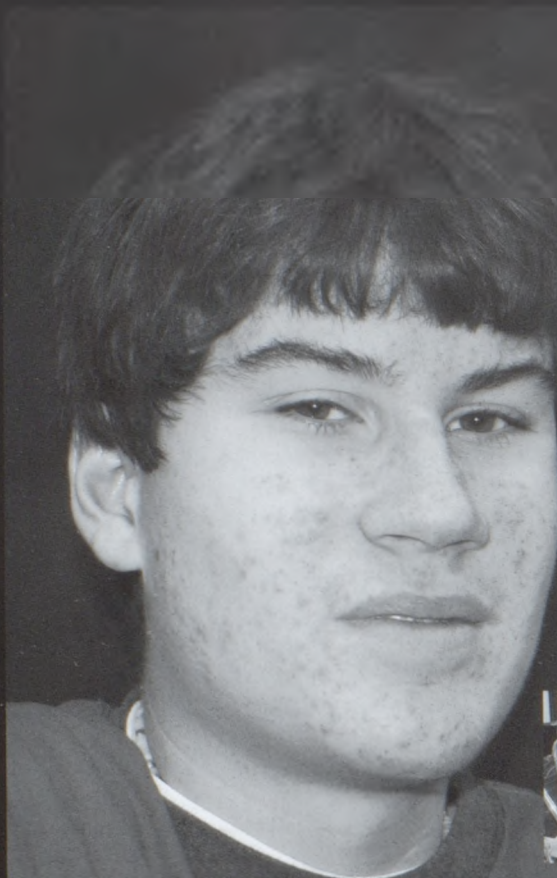
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■ **WHAT ARE THREE WORDS THAT DESCRIBE YOU AND WHY:** "I am easygoing, because I am really laid back. I am musical, because I do a lot of stuff like band, and forgetful, because I lose stuff all the time."

■ **HOW DO YOU WANT BE REMEMBERED:** "I want to be remembered as a normal kid, because I have had a lot of bad situations happen in my life and I just wish I could be a part of the crowd."

■ **WHAT WAS YOUR MOST MEMORABLE MOMENT:**

"The most memorable moment was when I caught on fire in science class. We were taking a break from ITBS's, and I was sitting on my teacher's desk; a candle was lit. I felt my shirt getting hot and all of a sudden I reach around, and I had hot nylon on my hand."

-Nick Davis '08

■ WHAT ARE THREE WORDS THAT DESCRIBE YOU AND WHY: "I'm weird, being normal isn't fun. I am outgoing, I'm not afraid to do stuff, and energetic, I'm hyper and I sometimes bounce off walls."

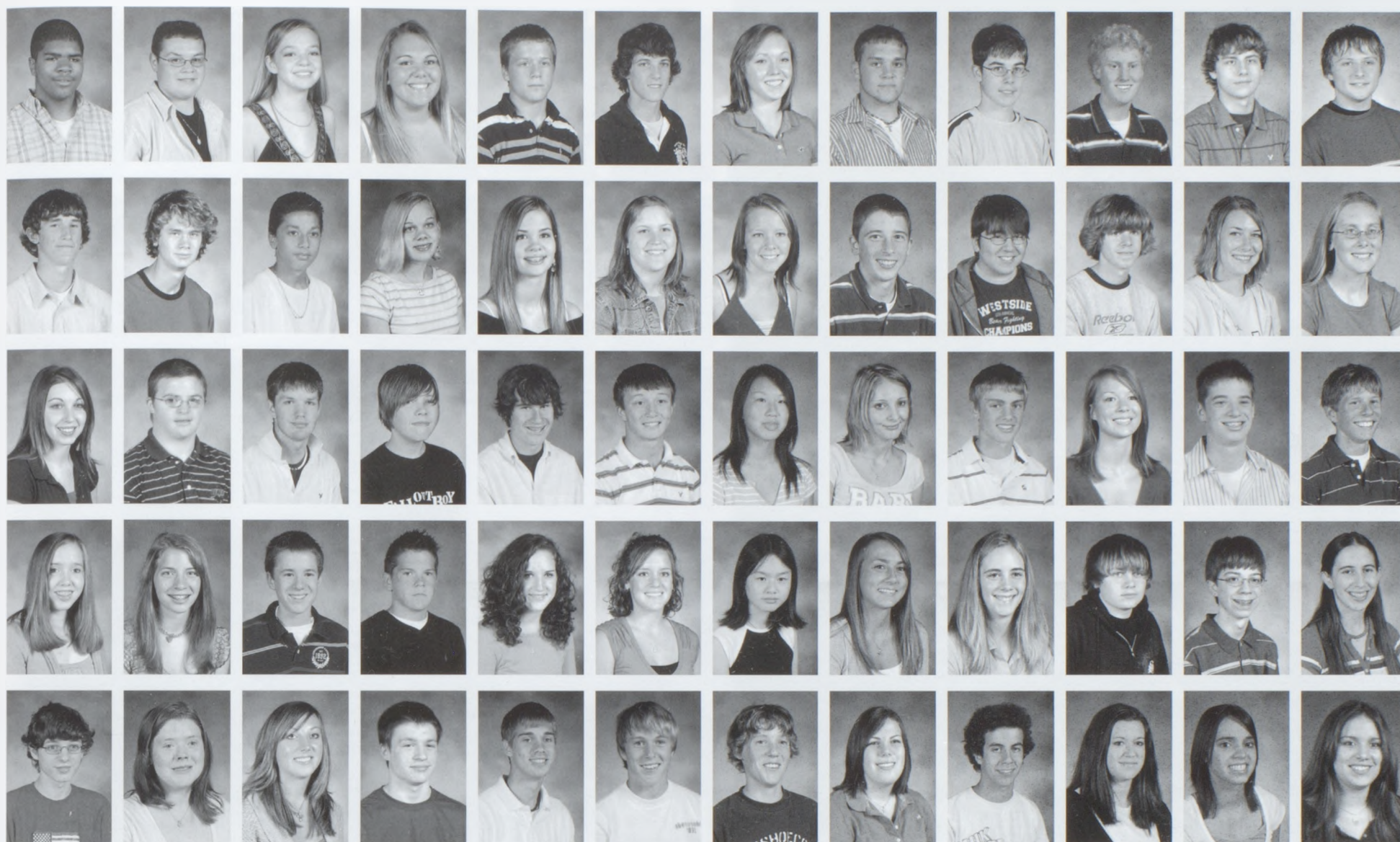
■ HOW DO YOU DEAL WITH BAD SITUATIONS: "I try to laugh things off but for the most part I am pretty laid back. When a bad situation rises, I just try to brush it off."

■ WHAT TURNED YOU ON TO YOUR YOUTH GROUP: "My youth group director is really cool and I see her at church. When I am going through a tough time, I can talk to her and she makes me feel better. Plus, we do a lot of fun stuff."

-Madie Fielder '08



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Gallegos



■ **WHAT IS IDENTITY TO YOU:** "To me, identity is about a person's individual ideas, about where they want to go in life and how they approach life in general."

■ **WHAT EVENT IN YOUR LIFE HAS BEEN THE MOST MEMORABLE:** "The first time I did mock trial really changed me because it is something that I am still doing now. So it has made a big impression on what I spend my time doing."

■ **WHAT MOMENT HAS CHANGED YOU THE MOST:** "The first time I realized I could write and write well. Now I really like to write, and it is fun and helps with school when writing papers for all of my classes."

-Doug Haele '08

■ WHAT ARE YOU INVOLVED IN THAT MAKES YOU DIFFERENT: "I go to school both here and at Central, so I always have a lot of homework. Also, I (participate in) cross country and tennis. But I somehow find a way to make time for my friends."

■ WHAT IS THE MOST DEFINING MOMENT IN YOUR LIFE: "The beginning of ninth grade, because that is when I finally figured out what I wanted to do

and who I wanted to be. I decided that I wanted to be a good friend, a good student, and overall, just a good person."

■ HOW DO YOU WANT TO BE REMEMBERED: "I want to be known as the girl who always puts a smile on everybody's face, but can still stand up for what she believes in."

-Katherine Burzgraaf '08



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Kazelyn
Ingersoll

Alisha
Irvin
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Johanik



■ **WHY DO YOU WANT TO STAND OUT:** "It's boring to be like everyone else. I like to be my own person because it's more fun and interesting. I don't really like to blend in a lot as long as I'm having fun with my friends, that's what really matters."

■ **DO PEOPLE GIVE YOU A HARD TIME ABOUT YOUR CLOTHING STYLE:** "Yeah, but I just ignore it. They usually call me weird and annoying. It doesn't really affect me though."

■ **HOW DO YOU WANT PEOPLE TO REMEMBER YOU:** "I just want to be remembered as something good. I'm not sure what that is yet, just something good. Last year I had this idea to be someone that makes your day better. It's hard to do, but if you find those opportunities it's pretty awesome."

Audrey Henning '08

■ WHAT MAKES YOU

UNIQUE: "My background makes me unique. I have a different lifestyle than most people. The way I look at the world is different, because they have never been exposed to different types of cultures and people."

■ HOW DO YOU WANT TO BE REMEMBERED:

"(People) find out that running is part of my life but I'm really nice and I like to get to know people (as well)."

■ WHAT IS THE MOST MEMORABLE EVENT THAT HAPPENED TO YOU:

"The first time I saw snow. It was 2002, when I saw it, I cried. It was really scary, I thought I'd never be able to get home. All the stuff was on the ground. Back in Ethiopia it gets up to 100 degrees. The coldness of Iowa was really shocking."

-Obbie Birru '08



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Joshua
Machol
Muamer
Malle

Michael
Manuel
Ryan
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Joshua
McClain
Bryce
McClure
Chelsea
McCombs



■ **WHAT INSPIRES YOU:**

"My passion for theater inspires me to do things like dance, playing piano, or doing mock trial. It keeps me going toward my dream of being in theater."

■ **WHAT IS A MEMORABLE EVENT THAT HAPPENED TO YOU:**

"Two years ago I got into the Community Theater and was part of the play *Sweet Charity*. Besides me, it was an all adult cast, and it

was a big honor to be in the show with them and be considered one of their colleagues."

■ **WHAT MAKES YOU UNIQUE:**

"My passion for theater. I'm not afraid of being myself. I'm an individual, not wanting to blend in with everyone else. I just want to be known for who I am."

-Lauren Kacere '08

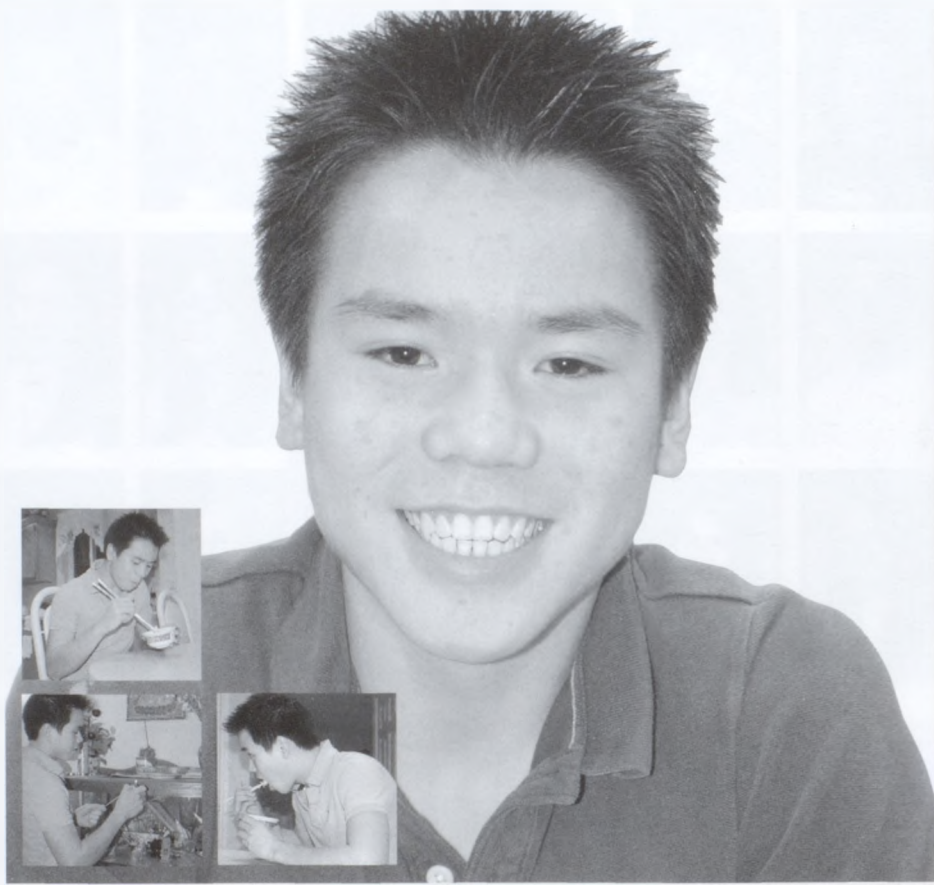
■ HOW DOES YOUR ETHNICITY MAKE YOUR HOME LIFE DIFFERENT FROM THE AVERAGE: "I eat rice with chopsticks a lot, and every night my mom or dad burn incense at an altar. It's to respect my elders and to show they are not forgotten."

■ WHAT ARE SOME TRADITIONS YOUR FAMILY PRACTICES: "We have a Chinese New Year. We go to the temple with my dad and we watch dragon dances where people dance

under a tarp with a head piece on."

WHAT IS THE MOST MEMORABLE EVENT THAT HAPPEND TO YOU: "When my family got to come to America. First we flew to the Philippines and lived there for half a year. After that waiting period we came to America."

- Phap Lam '08



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Allison
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Schissel



■ **WHAT'S YOUR FAVORITE
OUT OF SCHOOL**

ACTIVITY: "Tumbling, because a lot of my friends and I do it together. I can also use it for cheerleading. I have my back handspring. I'm still working for my back tuck."

■ **WHY DO YOU LIKE
TUMBLING:** "It's fun, because

it's not a team thing, but more individual. It's a good opportunity to hang out with my friends and enjoy it."

■ **HOW DO YOU FEEL
WHEN YOU TUMBLE:**

"If I land it, it makes me feel excited or happy. It can also be really frustrating if you don't get it. It also helps me to relieve stress. When I'm really angry, I tend to tumble my best."

Alex Swanson '08

■ WHAT KIND OF MUSIC

DO YOU LIKE: "Independent stuff, they're usually better than the crap you hear on the radio. There's more work put into it, song writing is usually better."

■ DO YOU LIKE
INSTRUMENTAL OR

LYRICS BETTER: "Depends on the artist. If they have really good guitar like *Bright Eyes*, (they're not) lyrical writers, they have better music."

■ WHAT ARE YOUR
FAVORITE BANDS:

"Steely Dan, Yes, The Beatles, Bob Dylan, and Bob Marley. They're either really good at lyrics or instruments. Steely Dan is good at both."

-Steven Crain '08



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Jacob
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■ **WHAT MAKES YOU UNIQUE:** "My name, Hunter, my outgoing personality and my liking to go on long strolls on the beach under the stars with a beautiful young woman."

■ **WHAT IS YOUR MOST DEFINING MOMENT IN YOUR LIFE AND HOW DID IT CHANGE YOU:** "In seventh grade football I scored, from then on I knew that I would be a better football player, like the one I am today."

■ **HOW DO YOU WANT TO BE REMEMBERED:** "I want to be remembered as being the kid that is friends with everyone, someone people can trust. I also want to be remembered as being a teddy bear in life and a tank out on the football field."

-Hunter Warne '08

■ HOW DO YOU SEE YOURSELF: "As the person who was always there to help and lend a hand. I fit into the smart people who spend their time playing video games after school."

■ HOW DO YOU DEAL WITH DIFFICULT SITUATIONS: "I take a deep breath and look at the situation, try and solve it. I'm me. That's all that someone can be, themselves."

■ DOES THE MUSIC YOU LISTEN OR THE THINGS YOU DO REFLECT WHO YOU ARE AND WHY: "No, because no matter what the lyrics are, I go for the beat."

- Michael Ellis '08



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Jennifer
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Tyler
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Wilkinson
Kevin
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Jenna
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Jordan
Wilson
Nick
Wintermote
Kyle
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Trista
Woody
Derek
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WHAT IS A MEMORABLE EVENT THAT HAPPENED TO YOU: "Our team at ISU won a shootout victory at the Texas A&M Big 12 (soccer) Tournament. We have never won this tournament before."

WHAT ARE SIX WORDS USED TO DESCRIBE YOURSELF: "Easygoing, spirited, spontaneous, athletic, caring, and genuine."

HOW DO YOU DEAL WITH BAD SITUATIONS: "Contrary to popular belief, I'm a wimp. I don't like confrontation. I'm contemplative and get very quiet and pensive. I will usually just let it roll off of my back."

*Alicia Rollison,
Social Studies teacher*

■ **WHAT MAKES YOU UNIQUE:** "I think I tend to understand and relate to students; which helps make me a good teacher. I am able to talk sports with pretty much anyone."

■ **HOW DO YOU DEAL WITH BAD SITUATIONS:** "I just tackle them full speed ahead. The consequences are a lot less if you just man up to your mistakes and get them taken care of."

■ **DO YOU FOLLOW THE BANDWAGON:** "No, I'm true to my colors and true to my team. I don't change just because someone else does."

*Joshua Hyer,
Ind. Tech teacher*



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Life existed off of money. Money began creation in our society. In a smaller version of the world, there was yearbook. A book was made through funds raised by staff from local and corporate businesses. They in turn got a pretty ad to commemorate their support (Right here, right now, we thank you for your aid.).

Other groups needed money to survive in the competitive world of high school. Student council had a brand spanking new store, the National Honor Society sold their usual carnations for various events, students were supposed to sell \$25 in coupons for after-prom (Did you do that? I didn't.), Dollars for Scholars raised lots of cash for our scholarships so that we can go to college, Best Buddies had a thriving store that sold everything from snackin' items to pencils, and last, but not least, students donated over \$1,400 to the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation (We applaud you!).

Thank you to everyone who helped aid their cause, generosity is a beautiful thing. *spread by Rebekka Broeker and Elizabeth Kirk*

Junior Traci Gwinn waits for friends at the local movie theater, Wynnsong 16. Gwinn attended the film *Silent Hill*. The movie started at 9:30 pm and would have cost Gwinn \$8.25, however her brother Brett Gwinn, worked at the theater, and the movie was free of charge.



Bethany Aubuchon



Andy Pullen



Tara Lappin

Kelly,

We are so proud of the young woman you have become. The last girl of the family to spread her wings and fly. You have developed your own special and unique personality that enriches the lives of those around you. It's been a joy and a blessing to watch each of your special talents and gifts unfold. We will always be there to cheer you on as you discover all the wonderful things that life has in store for you.

We love you,
Mom, Rich, Laura, Katie & Caryn



Kelly Albrect

Not so long ago those big brown eyes were those of a sweet, little boy. Now they belong to a quiet, intelligent, and very genuine young man that I am proud to call my son. Nick, you have been blessed with so many gifts and talents. I am more confident that you will lead an exciting and fulfilling life. Always remember in everything you do, trust in God, strive for excellence and believe that you can make a difference in the world.

Love,
Mom



Nick Batterson Karina Baymiller

Karina.

Words alone cannot express how proud we are of you and how very much we love you. Your beautiful smile, warm spirit and amazing personality make our house a "home." You have proven that you can face difficult issues, tackle them, and come out shining as an even stronger person. We know that you will be successful in life no matter which path you ultimately choose. And remember that we will always support you in your choices! Thank you for the countless treasured memories from the past eighteen years with you. We will hold them close in our hearts as you begin your new adventure away at college. Even though you have grown into an incredible young woman, you will forever in our hearts be our little "Boo Bear."

We love you!
Mom, Dad and
Harrison



It is my privilege to be your mother and being able to watch you grow into a "sticken' awesome" young woman of God. You have been through so many difficult trials already; starting at the age of five with the sudden death of your Dad (he would be so proud of his little athlete). You have triumphed through each trial and have come through as pure gold! With wisdom, truth, and God's sustaining love as your constant companions, you will walk forth in victory through any test of life. Never lose your smile.

Love,
Mom, "Dad," and Mark



Rachael Behnke

Congratulations!! We are so proud of you!
Wherever you go, whatever you do-keep laughing and living your life OUT LOUD!

We love you,
Mom, Dad, and Kelsey



Joshua Bowen Rebekka Broeker

Congratulations Rebekka,

We are very proud of you and love you very much. Your future is bright and we know you will be successful in all that you do. We wish you the very best and all the happiness in the world.

Love,
Mom and Dad



Joel,

Wishing you all the best as you start your big adventure! Remember God is with you everyday for the rest of your life. We think you are awesome!

With lots of love,
Dad, Mom, and Luke
Proverbs 3:5,6



Joel Bubeck

Tyler,

Your high school years are at an end. They went so fast... at least for us. We are so proud of everything you've accomplished. You've worked hard at what you chose to do and have done it well. You've always known where you are going. We know you will travel to so many new places in your life; just remember how much we love you.

Love,
Mom, Dad, and Sarah



Tyler Buller Katie Caldwell

Katie,

You lit up our world when you were born... our own little Shirley Temple.

Now you are a strong, determined young woman, beautiful inside and out. As you move to the next chapter in your life, seek adventure, stay creative, be happy and have fun.

We are so proud of you and will always be there for you with our love and support.

We love you so much,
Mom and Dad



Congratulations, Blane!

Through effort, diligence and blessings, you have reached another goal in life and we look forward to sharing with you the many others that will follow. Continue to reach for your dreams, treating challenges as opportunities for growth, using the support of your faith, family and friends. We are very proud of you and the man that you have become!

Lots of love,
Mom, Dad, and Taylor

"Those who hope in the lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like Eagles."

Isaiah 40:31



Blane Chesnut

Our Beautiful Chelsea,

Twenty years from now you will be more disappointed by the things that you did not do then by the ones you did do. So throw off the bowlines. Sail away from the safe harbor. Catch the tradewinds in your soul. Explore. Dream. Discover.

Love,
Mom and Dad,
Hunter and Autumn



Chelsea Connelly Jeff Courtright

Jeff,

Congratulations! We truly have enjoyed you, the friends you chose, and watching you play football. You have grown into a wonderful young man and we are very proud of you and all you have accomplished. We wish you the best in your new adventures in life! Work hard, have fun, and stay truthful to yourself and God. We love you very much and will always be here for you.

Love,
Mom & Dad



God has blessed us with seventeen wonderful years of watching you grow and develop into the beautiful compassionate young woman you are today. Your determination and independence will take you far in life. We are confident you will do well with whatever you decide to do, because you always do your best.

We love you and are very proud of you.
Mom and Dad



Megan Danielson

Jessica,

Your Dad wanted a little girl to spoil-rotten, and we got that, but we never realized how blessed we would be. You have grown to be such a wonderful young lady. We are so proud of you. You have such a kind and tender heart, with so much potential. We will miss you greatly as you start the next phase of your life and we wish you the best of luck as you start college. Know that we're always here for you. "Remember Whose You Are,"

Love,
Dad and Mom



Jessica Debruin Melissa Deer

God blessed us with your smile and personality since your baptism. You have shown spirit, fulfilled dreams, been there for friends during tough times, kept your faith and never weakened through it all.

Now is the time the dreams, the challenge and journey comes together for you.

College now seems intimidating but so did high school just a few years ago. Always look to the past for memories and to the future for adventure.

Love,
Dad, Mom, and Derek



Our Dearest Emily,

What a blessing you have been to this family. We are so proud of your many accomplishments but mostly of the effort and hard work you put in to achieve them. Your outward beauty is only a small indication of the beautiful person you are on the inside. As you go to college, continue to let your Jesus light shine. He will never let you down. He will never let you go.

Love,
Dad, Mom
Benjamin and Nathan



Emily DePenning



Jennifer Lynn,
Congratulations! We're so proud of you. Best wishes in your next adventure in life.
Love ya,
Mom, Don and Turner



Jennifer,

It is hard to believe that you are about to complete your high school years. Thank you for being the wonderful and caring person that you are. Keep your faith and trust in God.

Love you!
Dad, Bev, Jenny and Mike

Jennifer DeWaard Andrew Doudna

Andrew,

You are a child of God. In all of your decisions remember that you belong to Him. He will never let you down and He will never let you go.

Love,
Mom & Dad



Emily,

Eighteen years have gone by so quickly since that beautiful sunshine filled day when you came into our lives. You were a blessing to us then, just as you are now.

You have become a confident, caring and loving person, capable of meeting the challenges of the future. Continue to love life, enjoy your friends and family and be true to yourself.

Our love and support will always be with you.

Love,

Mom and Dad



Emily Forte

Dearest Alexandra,

Congratulations!! You've worked hard to build the foundation for your future, and you have much to celebrate.

As you travel through life, remember those who have journeyed before you, and be grateful for the path they have created.

Always be aware of those who will follow. Be generous of heart and spirit in your offerings to the world.

Whatever your desires and goals in the noisy confusion of life, keep peace with your soul.

And remember: Challenges are what make life interesting; overcoming them is what makes life so meaningful.

Always here for you,
Mom, Dad, and Adam



Alexandra Frakes

Jacob,

We are extremely proud of who you are and all that you have accomplished. With your winning smile, fabulous personality, quick wit, sharp mind, compassionate heart and sense of humor, we know you'll go far and achieve whatever you set your mind to. Son, you are a blessing! Remember that we love you and you can always count on your family to stand behind you.

All our love,

Mom, Dad, Alex, and your grandparents



Jacob Garland

Abbey,

Since the day you were born, you have been a gift to us! Your warm spirit and generous heart has always been a part of who you are. Watching you grow up and being a part of that process has been one of the greatest joys of my life. I will always cherish the years you were in dance, and feeling so proud of you while I watched you on stage. And the closeness we shared through all the years we traveled together going to all the horse shows. Your dedication and talent as an equestrian are much to be admired. We are so very proud of all your accomplishments, and for the person you have grown up to be. I am confident that you will take all your gifts and talents and have a successful and rewarding future, of which you are so deserving.

We love you!!

Mom and Dad



Abbey Gessmann

Joey and Alison,

Congratulations, we are very proud of the two of you! It doesn't seem that long ago that you were just starting school, and now here you are at the end of your high school years. We are eager to see where this foundation takes you. We have high hopes that you will achieve your dreams and be happy. Joey, your strong character has been a good role model for your siblings and peers. Ali, your independence and personal drive have allowed you to achieve your goals. Thank you for being you!

We love you both and will miss you much.
Mom, Dad and Cole



Joey & Ali Glenn

Andy,

Congratulations not only for all you have accomplished, but also for the kind person you have grown to be. We are so proud of you. Always remember to "play with your head, not just with your feet," and be sure to keep on singing. Life is too short to be anything but happy!

All our love,
Mom and Dad



Andy Goers

Congratulations, Nate! We are very proud of how far you've come. Looking forward to seeing how far you'll go from here.

Love,
Mom, Dad & Matt



Nate Gonner

Hugs and smiles for my Johnston High School friends.

Love,
Mollie Hafner



Mollie Hafner

Dear James,

Congratulations on your graduation. From birth to this day, you have been a great joy in our lives. We feel so blessed to have you in our lives and we are excited to see your future unfold. Time continues to march on... Reach for your dreams and make them a reality. We are very proud of you.

Love,
Dad, Mom and Thomas



Jim Hinchcliff

Dear Peter Rose,

Ever since you completed our family, you have been such a good son. Your incredible ability to always have fun, plus your natural leadership and enthusiasm will take you wherever you want to go. We will watch and smile, like always.

Love,
Mom and Dad



Peter Holmgren

We know what we are but not what we may be. - William Shakespeare
Good Luck Always, Trevor!

Love,
Mom, Dad, Kimberly, Erik and Jonathan



Trevor Holt

We are so proud of your accomplishments. You are a great kid and the "king of tailgating." We know you will go far in any path you wish to take. Thanks for being the kind of son everyone wishes they could have. We love you! Congratulations and GO HAWKS!!

Love,
Mom, Dad, Nicholas and, of course, Purida



Jeffrey Hoobin

Congratulations Gabi!!



Chelsea Hulett

You were special from the day you were born. You have become a good-looking, smart and caring young man. Your future looks bright. We are so proud of you!

We love you,
Dad and Mom



Drew Imhoff

Jenna,

Congrats on your achievements. Now is your time to spread your wings and learn how to fly. It will be your time to take risks, make changes and take chances. Enjoy this experience and continue to learn as you breakaway. We know you won't forget the place you are from and all those who influenced you. Our goal is for you to achieve your ambitions but we will miss you and the energy you bring to life.

Love,
Mom, Dad and Reid



Jenna Jewell

Amanda,

We are so very, very proud of the young lady you have become. It's been fun to see all you have been able to accomplish because of your self-motivation. That inner drive, and your strength to go your own way and not follow the crowd, lets us know you will accomplish everything you desire.

We love you and are so proud of you!
Mom, Dad and Ryan



Amanda Jones

Jeremiah,

High school days have now past, my it went fast.

Having you is such a pleasure years and years for us to treasure.

In whatever you choose to try we know your goals are set very high.

We hope you have learned that your future must be earned.

Have a life full of adventure.

Love,
Mom and Dad



Jeremiah Keltner

Alex,

Congratulations on a splendid high school career. We are proud of all your many achievements in academics, sports, and leadership activities. Most importantly we are proud of the outstanding person you have become. We wish you the best of luck in all your future endeavors, and we know that you will be successful in anything that you choose to pursue. We will always love you and be there to support you.

Love,
Mom, Dad and Leah



Alex Kron



Rob,

When you were born, God blessed us with a wonderful son. Thank you for all the joy you have brought into our lives. As you continue on this journey, know that we love and support you in all that you do.

Love,
Mom, Dad, and Rachel



Rob Lang

Good Luck at Iowa!

Love you, Abby.

Your Family



Abby Lewton

Congratulations Andrea!

We are so proud of you! You have grown from a shy little girl to a confident, talented, and poised young woman. Our wish for you is that you find happiness in whatever you choose to do. As you dance your way in the future, remember that your family will always be there for you.

Love, Mom and Dad

Good luck and don't break a toe!
Love, Brittany

I love you sissy- Patrick :)

Andrea Malloy



Lindsey,

Congratulations! We look back on your childhood and are so blessed with the memories and thankful for the joy you have brought to our lives. We are proud of all that you have accomplished and what you have become. Remember as you close one door in your life and open another that life is what you make of it.

Love,
Mom, Dad, Tara, and Matt



Lindsey McCullough

Nan,

As you begin life's adventures, remember that God loves you and we do too. You make my heart go funny!
Love, Dad

Even though you bug me, I will still love you always and I will miss you a lot when you go to college. P.S. I will also miss picking on you! Love, LJ

I am so proud of you! You are an incredible person and I admire you very much. You have a strong character and a heart of gold. I pray that you will continue to grow in your faith. It will give you strength, peace, hope and joy beyond measure. God bless you baby! All my love, Mom.



Anna McCullough

You have been a good student and leader with many friends. We are proud of all your accomplishments and athletic achievements. Keep up the good work.

We love you,
Dad, Mom, and Bryan



Kevin Messmaker

As you make your way through this world, remember there are many experiences you have yet to encounter. We hope that each one, good or bad, will help to mold and shape you, prepare and inspire you, each day of your life.

Your dreams are something else we don't ever want you to lose sight of. We want you to wrap your heart around them and never let go. We want you to feel good about them, and remind yourself to live with hope.

Make each day yours, and make them all count. Work hard, enjoy yourself, and everything else will somehow seem to fall right where it should.

Congratulations, we are very proud of you!



Megan Moore

Matt,

If you are wise and understand God's ways, show it by living an honorable life, doing good works with the humility that comes with wisdom.

James 3:13

You are an honorable young man.

Love,

Mom, Dad, Drew, and Michelle

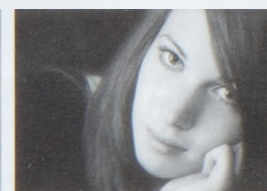


Matt Ness

Robyn,

Our dreams of a little girl growing up to be a beautiful young lady are now our reality. Continue to listen to your soul to guide your life; you will continue to succeed in college, and your chosen path in life.

Love Dad and Mom



Robyn Norris

We knew you were special from the moment we held you. You have showed us by all the great things you do. So wherever life leads you we want you to know how proud we are and you have our love and support all the way. Be positive in all that you do and life will take you along ways.

We love you.

Love Mom, Dad, and Paul



Sarah Peppmeier

Dear Nathan,

With great expectation, we awaited your arrival. We are amazed at how quickly the time has gone by. Now you are a young man and we are so proud of all your accomplishments. We love your sweet gentle spirit, considerate soul, and the hugs that still come easily. We cherish the late night conversation and look forward to many more. Your friendships will be an encouragement to you as you head into your bright and exciting future!

Love and hugs,
Dad, Mom,
Jennifer, and Alex



Nathan Peterson



It seems life just a short time ago that you were picking the flowers for me that we had just planted together. Time goes by so quickly and it is hard to believe you are graduating from high school. I am very proud of your efforts and many accomplishments over the years. It has been a real joy to watch you grow and become the responsible young man you are today. Your high energy and love for others will help you succeed in this world. Continue to focus your energy on ambitions and goals. Follow your heart, remember that your family will always be available for you, and keep looking to God to lead you on the path you are to go! You are very special and I love you! - Love Mom

Brandon Pruitt



Joel,

God brought us much joy when He blessed us with a son and brother. You have always been very determined, devoted, and you live life with a passion! We love you and pray for God's continued guidance on your life. Congratulations!

Love,
Dad, Mom, Jay, and Ashley



Joel Quick

It's hard to believe that our busy little girl is ready to graduate! Your smile and laughter has always brought so much joy to our family. We are so proud of who you are! Let the love of Jesus Christ shine through you, and allow Him to guide your future. Remember that wherever you go and whatever you do, you will always have our love and prayers with you.

Love,
Mom, Dad, Alyssa, and Kelsey
P.S. A closet full of shoes is a good thing!



Lindsey Ranney

Spencer,

Being the middle child, you have been the glue that keeps the three sons close. We know you will always be the one to see that the love of family is a great gift. We are so impressed by your loyalty, humor, and compassion. We pray God will show you His purpose for your life and give you the courage to reach your goals.

We love you always,
Mom and Dad



Spencer Reed

Congratulations on graduation! We have had so many good memories come out of the past eighteen years and are looking forward to the many more yet to come. You are such a special person!! We wish you a future full of success, happiness, and love.

We love you!!
Mom, Dad, and Eric



Sarah Reese

You are always the best when it is what you want to do. Our biggest encouragement is for you to always be looking for those things you want to do, guaranteeing you will be the best.

You will always have our love and support,
Mom and Dad



Sandra Rodriguez

Congratulations Kayla;

Stubborn, independent, high spirited, and strong has best described you all along. From riding your big wheel down the steepest hills without holding on, to climbing the tallest trees, to speeding your dirt bike to full throttle, and jumping crazy jumps to go airborne on your A.T.V. You're now graduating from school with that same free spirit. Be responsible in all you do, believe in and respect yourself always, and you will have great opportunities and fun adventures.

Love and best wishes always,
Dad, Mom, Brandy, and Erica



Kayla Russel



Scotty Dawg,

Congratulations! We can't believe you are graduating already. You are a fantastic son and a wonderful brother. We hope you have a great experience at Iowa State. You have many skills and talents; we can't wait to see what is next. We are very proud of you and love you very much. Be your best.

Love,
Mom, Dad, Sarah, and Mark



Scott Sauber

Sam,

Thank you for all the love and happiness you have brought into our lives. We respect you and are proud of you. Congratulations on your high school graduation, and enjoy the years ahead of you!

Love,
Mom and Dad



Sam Schroeder

Carly,

To my beautiful and talented daughter always remember:

Be Safe

Be Healthy

Be Happy

Thanks for our memorable and precious years together. Congratulations and God Bless!

Love Forever,
Mom



Carly Shingledecker

Our Dearest Alex,

We've adored you from the moment we laid eyes on you. What a wonderful child you were, so full of energy and laughter. It's as though I looked away for a moment and you were grown up. You've always been there for me- never complaining, never demanding, always a loving and faithful son. I appreciate your sense of humor, your modesty, and your love of family. What gratitude I feel for the privilege of watching you grow and being a part of your life. We're so proud of you.

Love forever and ever,
Mom, Stephanie,
Hannah, Jacob, and
Michael

Alex Siemer

Ryan,

Happy Graduation! You have made us very proud. Continue to work hard and dream big!

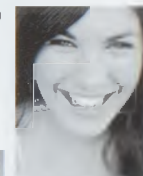
Love,
Mom, Dad, and Kyle



Ryan Sievers

At age four, we enrolled you in dance classes to bring you out of your shell... now 14 years later we can't keep you off the stage! You have been a joy to watch and we look forward to watching you pursue your dreams after high school. You will leave a big void in our home as you venture off to college, but it's time for you to make your mark else where. As parents we've always told you to be a leader, not a follower, and to stay true to yourself, and you did just that. You are intelligent, caring, creative, funny, honest (sometimes too honest) and independent. We are very blessed and proud to have you as our daughter.

Stacy Suroka



Congratulations on your graduation. You have given us so much joy over the past 18 years, watching you grow from a beautiful baby into a wonderful young man. Your bright smile and warm personality have always been your strongest assets. Now, the time has come to spread your wings and reach for your goals. Always keep your faith, stay focused, do the best you possibly can, have a positive attitude, and you will achieve success in whatever you pursue. Your potential is unlimited. Trust in your faith and use the talents and abilities that God has given you. Stay true to yourself and keep being you. We will always be your biggest fans.

We love you,
Dad, Mom, and Jordan



Brandon Thompson

Amanda,

The time has flown by too quickly. You are a beautiful daughter that has brought us much joy and delight. We are very proud of all the accomplishments that you have made. As you begin your new journey in life always know that we are here for you. God has great plans for your future. We can't wait to see them unfold. Keep your free spirited personality.

Love you bunches!!
Mom, Dad, and Brynea



Amanda Thrasher



Elizabeth,

How quickly you have passed from a little girl's world of make believe and dress up clothes to the real world of choices about college and career. We continue to see in you, reflected in your radiant smile, what we have always seen in you. You are, as you were in that long ago make believe world, a person with a strong sense of individuality, confidence of purpose, firmness in your convictions, and satisfaction in the choices you have made. We share your confidence and we love you.

With all our love,
Mom and Dad



Elizabeth Timmins

We thank God everyday for blessing our lives with you; our daughter. You have brought tremendous joy to our life, as well as others. Your kindness, love and compassion which you show others are but a few reasons we are so proud of you.

Your dreams that have guided you all this time are within reach. Put your mind to it, and there isn't anything you cannot accomplish.

We love you, we are very proud of you and all that you represent.

Love,
Mom and Dad



Falyn Tingley

As our only child, you have made our family complete. You have always made us proud and always surpassed any of our expectations. You have shown compassion to others so they feel comfortable coming to you when they have problems.

Your faith in God has been inspirational to others.

We have seen the joy that you have in organizing activities with your friends.

We know that you will be successful in every endeavor and we can only hope that you will be as happy in your life as you have made us.

Love,
Mom and Dad



Brian Underwood

"Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and learn not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge him and he will direct your paths." Proverbs 3:5-6



Your classmates voted you "Most likely to be Famous." This photograph may be your first paparazzi exposure. You will always be our "STAR!"

We love you,
Mom and Dad

Alexis Van Vleet



Calvin,

Always believe in your dreams, continue on being your own person, and remember how much we love you. Keep on flying...

Love,
Mom, Dad, and Conrad



Calvin Vernon

Dear Shaka,

You have grown into such an incredible, faithful and courageous young woman. You are a one of a kind original, in whom God has placed gifts of strength, understanding and compassion. We have been blessed by being your family and we thank God for sharing you with us. You've been a cool big sister and a truly awesome daughter. We're excited for you as you venture out into your life and remember. "All things work together for good, for those who love the Lord."

We love you!
Mom, Dad,
Jen, and Chris



Jessica Villegas

Tif,

We are so blessed to have you in our lives. The energy that you put into everything that you do reflects onto those around you. Continue on the course you have started and you will surely have happiness throughout your life.

Love,
Mom, Dad, Sheena and Heather



Tiffany Wendel

We are so very proud of the person you are. Continue the positive attitude you have toward life and you will go far. Be adventurous in your decisions and try new things. Learn from your mistakes and move on.

Make the most of every day you have and live it to the fullest. At the end of each day, you want to feel good about yourself so you can look forward to the next one.

We love you very much,
Mom, Dad, and Heather



Brandon Will

Ashley,

You have been such a joy and a blessing. We are so proud of all that you are and all that you have accomplished. We know that you will be successful in whatever you do. You will always have a special place in our heart.

Love
Mom, Dad, Matt, Preston, and Paul



Ashley Williams

Dear Molin,

Life is a journey full of happiness and excitement. You have accomplished a great milestone in this noble journey. Congratulations! We are so proud of you for what you have accomplished. As Confucius said: "A thousand-mile journey starts with the first step." Today, you made your first successful step to walk into the real world. What else would make Mom and Dad happier than watching you opening the door of the future with such a solid and confident step? Remember: as you sail through your journey, Mom, Dad and your sister will always be with you.

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Basketball

Var Boys



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First Row: Lauren Tosch, Alexis Van-Vleet, Elizabeth Timmins,
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Lekwa, Amanda Thrasher, Emily McPherson, Emily DePenning
Second Row: Nick Scholten, Brianna Upton, Derek Furrow,
Rex Davidson, Liz Fuller, Rachel Winterbottom, Emily Seda,
Jenalee Williams, Spencer Reed **Third Row:** Brian Smith, Chris
Williamson, Dan Haight, Jake Garland, Ben Scott, Chris Cline,
Andy Goers, Matt Burch, Dan Kurns, Brian Underwood, John
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Boys



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Cross Country



First row: Coach Patrick Mattingly, Eric Greenfield, Luke Finley, Neal Herink, KC Foshe, Zach Sparrow, Brett Brones, John Hall, Coach Dave Beason **Second Row:** Eric Cluney, Tucker Vasey, Grant Jacobson, Charlie Thuente, Cullen Hirst, Jeff Bast, Soren Hirst, Jeff Letizia, Derek Furrow, Steven Ostiguy, Jeff Rasmussen **Third Row:** Patrick Freese, Chris Ajluni, Nate Nuzum, Dane Seaberg, Nick Scholten, Connor Elmitt, Tyler Foster-Stavneak, Jay Quick, Topher Riddle, John Peitzman, Willie Lowe **Fourth Row:** Kyle Phillips, Brian Underwood, Nathan Peterson, Sam Schroeder, Zac Cooper, Ryan Sievers, Colby Elmitt, Alex Kron, Tim Gannon

Cross Country



First Row: Rebecca Finley, Megan Junge, Allison Kane, Mollie Kipp, Emily Schwartz, Amanda Walker-King, Nikki Meyer, Amy Lovejoy, Katherine Burggraaf, Robyn Norris **Second Row:** Carol Dong, Obsie Burru, Alyssa Burcham, Liz Fuller, Justine Ayres, Samantha McConeghey, Rachel Lang, Maggie Thilges, Laura Hilby, Lauren Lund, Amanda Unterreiner **Third Row:** Anna Lammers, Felicia Hoover, Jenalee Williams, Heather Wendell, Grace Meiners, Anne Ruebhelke, Taylor Grieve, Sarah Timmons, Kelsey Hyde, Carly Hammer, Kristen Strawhacker, Assistant Coach Jannae Holubar **Fourth Row:** Coach Chris Siewert, Sandra Rodriguez, Emily DePenning, Ashley Williams, Chandra Binne, Jessica Mitchell, Tiffany Wendell, Kelsey Dicken, Elizabeth Timmins, Coach Patrick Hennes

Dance Team



First Row: Brittany Huettman, Emily Roeser, Emily Hurm, Jessica Gambrel, Rachel Bassel **Second Row:** Courtney Coakley, Alyssa Buckley, Audrey Henning, Jenna Schissel, Tana Friesth, Amanda Thrasher

DECA



First Row: Colleen Kinsey, Jason Deal, Colby Elmitt, Sandra Rodriguez, Ariel Landwehr **Second Row:** John Kimball, Caressa Merideth, Erica Warren, Larissa French, Joe Cate

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Football

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First Row: Dustin van Zee, Joel Quick, Spencer Reed, Peter Holmgren, Andrew Doudna, Brett Turner, Jeff Courtright, Eric Dreibelbeis **Second Row:** Matt Tiller, Brad Elsbury, Ryan Knepper, Joel Bubeck, Corey Chancellor, Trevor Holt, Alex Siemer, Jordan Wengert **Third Row:** Neal Rydberg, Kevin Christopher, Austin Golightly, Brandon Chambers, Jonathan Bunting, Tyler Shannon, Kyle Thomann, Kyle McCracken, Mike Slusark **Fourth Row:** Ryan Bole, Scott Cronin, Matt Bengtson, Danny Cahill, Kellen Johnson, Sam Bjorholm, Kyle McDowell, Cory Pierce, Jeremy Johnson **Fifth Row:** Joel Rydberg, Scott Byrd, Grant Hayward, Austin Strawhacker, Cody Verhuel, Joseph Pavelka, Matt Ogren, Brandon Van Vleet, Eric Tubbs **Sixth Row:** Jon Shockey, Patrick Klopfenstein, Sean Bruce, Nick Johnson, Nick Sedgley, Casey Randall, Josh Gowdy, Zach Guyer **Seventh Row:** Josh Bowen, Matt Janes, Tommy Stroud, Justin Saf, Tyler Miller, Brandon Beltz, David Temple, Alex Yang **Eighth Row:** Coach Adam Hultin, Coach Nick Durand, Coach Brian Woodley, Coach Mark Tegels, Coach Brian Lutter, Coach Brent Ksaiek, Coach Brian Vaughan **Ninth Row:** Coach Jeff South, Coach Zac Christenson, Coach Rodney Wiebers

Golf

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First Row: Matt Lowder, Brent Goodenow, Mark Anderson, Ben Scieszinski, Justin Dierks, Mike Schultz, Mike Traxel, Bradley Cleveland Second Row: Taylor Brown, Ryan Lay, Taylor Egly, Ryan Dickey, Jordan Olsen, Calvin Vernon, Dan Haight, Patrick Xu

Golf

Var Boys



First row: Chris Williamson, Brady Nurse, Dan Rottenberg, Jake Baltzley, Brad Buster, Jared Walahoski

Golf

Girls



First Row: Alyssa Christensen, Amanda Kennedy, Brittany Thompson, Ashley Williamson, Megan Kightlinger, Whitney Bryant, Lauren Doherty, Brienne Westlake, Ariel Landwehr, Lexi Evans Second Row: Olivia Schiefelbein, Annette Beswick, Erin Funk, Kate Dickey, Grace Meiners, Nicole Jensen, Brianna Upton, Haley Ramsey, Spring Kim, Coach Vickie Borich

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Band



First Row: Krista Bowers, Jordan Handel, Becky Cooper, Jacob Vander Ploeg, Saliya Wijeratne, Erica Eaves **Second Row:** Nick Davis, Daniel Chapman, Maddie Fiedler, Josh Bowen, Ian Beck-Cross **Third Row:** Neil Erbes, TK Kanauss, Holly Von Furmetts, Joe Evans

Ensemble



First Row: Paige Sanders, Brianna Wight, Mallory McKinley, Jonathan Emehiser, Rachel Stanley, Sarah Mueller, Brianna Upton **Second Row:** Julia Zhang, Cody Zoss, Erik Mortens, Alec Beck-Cross, Chris Williamson, Danny Heldt **Third Row:** Kathryn Gulleen, Ian White, Alexis Buchanan, Ryan Dickey, Kelly Albrecht

Jazz Lab



First Row: Brad Nelson, Timothy Clay, Danny Fitzgerald, Michael Skeens

JETS



First Row: Patrick Xu, Michael Seibert, Siddhartha Kollipara, Andy Goers, Emily Kuster **Second Row:** Ben Mulaosmanovic, Pasha Kazatsker, Katie Githens, George Vardaxis, Cole Anagnost, Chris Ajluni

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First Row: Jenna Jewell, Tyler Buller, Andy Goers, Siddhartha Kollipara, Patrick Xu, Alicia Eggers, Megan Browning **Second Row:** Nick Shoeman, Abby Green, Diane Brown, Megan Delanoit, Abby Bowman, George Vardaxis, Jessica Villegas **Third Row:** Dane Seaburg, Alex Yang, Thomas Binner, Pasha Kazatsker, Michael Seibert, Cole Anagnost

Mock Trial



First Row: Audrey Henning, Nikki Ward, Lauren Kacere, Tana Friesth, Jenny Wu, Soheila Yalpani, Torey Robinson, Cory Gagne, Jenny Pray, Karl Dockum, Julia Steggerda, Jenna Jewell, Tyler Buller, Kristen Strawhacker **Second Row:** Todd Herink, Tim Clay, Sarah Timmons, Hannah Levine, Emily Roeser, Megan Browning, Jessica Villegas, Megan Hankins, Alyssa Burcham, Rachel Binner, Amy Lovejoy, Taylor Grieve, Carol Dong, Chris Ajiuni, David Cox **Third Row:** Julia Zhang, Megan Bendixen, Felicia Hoover, Megan DeLanoit, Cole Anagnost, Ben Mulaosmanovic, Graham Emmerson, Chris Cline, Tucker Vasey, Daniel Chapman, Chris Anagnost, Katie Githens, Brian Stone

NCYI



First Row: Allison Norelius, Claire Lekwa, Brandon Betz, Kaylee Richter, Emily DePenning **Second Row:** Danielle Larimer, Rebekah Casciato, Beth Hanigan, Andy Goers, Whitney Bryant, Kate Maybee **Third Row:** Thomas Binner, Alex Kron, Kelsey Brown, Rob Lang, Abby Morris, Jenna Jewell, Thomas Burkhead

Newspaper



First Row: Stephanie Ivankovich, Katie Backstrom, Dawn Wilkens, Kyle Hanson, Amanda Lower, Cicely Gordon, Sarah Bloom, Emily Conn, Susan Clausen **Second Row:** Larissa French, Elise Mullen, Lauren Proffit, Torey Robinson, Kari Dockum, Rachel Lippincott, Chelsea Smith, Claire Lekwa, Emily McPherson, Tyler Buller, Sam Leahy **Third Row:** Amy Lovejoy, John Kennedy, Xian Zhang, Elizabeth Timmins, Mike Slusark, Dan Haight, Sam Schroeder, Alex Kron, Alex Guns, Bryan Lippincott

NHS



First Row: Diana Brown, Whitney Bryant, Jenny Wu, Pat Freese, Tyler Buller, Claire Lekwa, Abby Lewton, Abby Dierks, Emily DePenning, Emily McPherson, Megan Danielson, John Miller **Second Row:** Alec Beck-Cross, Robyn Norris, Elise Mullen, Elizabeth Timmins, Lindsey McCulley, Amanda Jones, Mackenzie Lang, Beth Hannigan, Rebecca Reece, Jenna Jewell, Andy Goers, Alexis Van Vleet, Abby Green, Alyssa Ciarimboli, Eric Drebelbuis **Third Row:** Jessica Upton, Ryan Ulney, Cole Anagnost, Tyler Brown, Alex Kron, Lauren Harvey, Libby Reichling, Liz Sigmund, Blane Chestnut, Thomas Burkhead, Kaylee Richier, Brianna Wight, Kelly Albrecht, Josh Bowen **Fourth Row:** Ben Hokschi, Danielle Larimer, Kate Mabee, Rebekah Casciato, Thomas Binner, Kyle McCracken, Peter Ostiguy, Sam Schroeder, Rob Lang, Jessica Mitchell, Jordan Wengert, Molin Zhong, Nathan Peterson, Brian Underwood

Play



First Row: Michelle Cross, Julia Steggerda, Ciera Lundgren, Maddie Fiedler, Xavier Rowe **Second Row:** Alexis Buchanan, Shayla Smith, Rebecca Stoeker, Lindsey Oviatt, Josh Merrit, Nikki Ward **Third Row:** Tine Scherpp, M'Hamed, Koudimi, Makea Sanders, Nathan Wilder, Jordan Van Essen, Lauren Kacere **Fourth Row:** Ben Schnurr, Emeri Sams, Austin Golightly, Graham Emmerson, Aaron Lehman, Sam Han

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SATI



First Row: Daniel Rottenberg, Susan Clausen, Kiley Dewhurst, Tyler Butler, Amanda Jones, Sam Leahy, Ariel Landwehr, Sarah Reece, Sam Schroeder **Second Row:** Paul Adam, Leah Embrey, Cory Gagne, Torey Robinson, Kari Dockum, Becky Cooper, Ciera Lundgren, Alyssa Ciaramboli, Rachel Behnke, Emily McPherson, Michael Lunn **Third Row:** Jake Garland, Abby Morris, Kelsey Brown, Trevor Haden, Jessica Villegas, Emily Roeser, Renee Pike, Andy Goers, Emily DePenning, M'hamed Kouidmi **Fourth Row:** Cole Anagnost, Allison Norelius, Kenny Schroeder, Whitney Bryant, Rebekah Casciato, Beth Hanigan, Jenna Jewell, Abby Davis, Sandy Rodriguez, Abby Green, Missy Dear

Science Club



First Row: Patrick Xu, Abby Bowman, Siddhartha Kollipara **Second Row:** George Vardaxis, Pasha Kazatsker, Cole Anagnost

Soccer

JJV Boys



First Row: Tyler Smith, David Hellmer, Adam Frakes, Cesar Castillo, Austin Jensen, Justin Dierks, Cory Plagge, Zack Jensen, Jeremy Mullen **Second Row:** Phap Lam, Mirza Muhamedagic, Brad Meek, Josh Wendt, Greg Hefner, Adam Gillaspey, Jake Hial, Andy Golightly, Jared Culven **Third Row:** Coach Jason Jauron, Tyler Waltz, Ken Foshe, Jordan Brown, Brent Brones, Jama Haller, Alec Trainer, Zach Buckley, Ryan Campell

Soccer

JV Boys



First Row: Nick Smith, Dustin Pine, Mike Hollowinski, Derek Furrow, Zach Dicken, Jenner White, Ernad Muratovic **Second Row:** Jared Walahowski, Peter Holmgren, Sam Parker, Jacob Pfundheller, Justin Amick, Jim Frzzel, Zach Guyer **Third Row:** Coach Russ Fortune, Ryan Lay, Mark Anderson, Danny Sigmund, Trevor Haden, Pat Shockey, Brett Turner, Sam Grasso, Ryan Dickey

Soccer

Var Boys



First Row: Spencer Reed, Chris Heffling, Ben Scott, Jared White, Matt Brown, Leonardo Mia, Matt Carlson, Matt Burch **Second Row:** Trey Wright, Brian Smith, Dan Kurns, Dylan Kimsey, Alex Christensen, Kyle Phillips, Aaron Schultz, Alex Kern **Third Row:** Coach Russ Fortune, Coach Jason Jauron, Josh Carnos, Ricky Rodriguez, Peter Blutt, Ross Jennings, Nick Scholten, Nick Bass, Andy Goers, Coach Matt Todd

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Soccer



First Row: Kaitlyn O'Toole, Emily Schwartz, Tessa Fenimore, Nicki Feaster **Second Row:** Rhianna Harm, Lauren Whitney, Sandra Rodriguez, Megan Danielson **Third Row:** Jordain Skarphol, Emily O'Keefe, Leah Kron, Sarah Buller, Nikki Sullivan

Soccer



First Row: Abby Davis, Taylor Vestal, Becky Helling, Meredith Manning, Leslie Ware, Kate Neilson **Second Row:** Amanda Lauer, Sarah Schultz, Heather Wendell, Kelsey Kavosovich, Kelsey Dicken, Abby Gumina **Third Row:** Leah Kron, Keni Schroder, Tiffany Wendell, Rachel Behnke, Kelsey Brown, Micah Casey

Softball



First Row: Hannah Miller, Sarah Embrey, Beth Reese, Mindy Schoop, Erin Newbury **Second Row:** Veronica Roshek, Mckenzie Lang, Libby Riechling, Julianna McCoy, Jenna Jewell, Leah Embrey **Third Row:** Megan Bendixen, Emily Kuster, Abby Morris, Sarah Peppmeier, Cassie Clark, Aleece Gustafson, Kari Dockum

Council



First Row: Ariel Landwehr, Amanda McWhirter, Cory Gagne, Cicely Gordon, Elizabeth Timmins, Sarah Froehlich, Susan Clausen **Second Row:** Leah Bole, Sam Leahy, Taylor Gowe, Michael Lunn, Rob Lang, Nick Scholten, Allison Norelius, Emily O'Keefe **Third Row:** Thomas Lashier, Brian Underwood, Peter Ostiguy, Kyle McCracken, Daniel Rottenberg

Swimming



First Row: Nels Engblom, DJ Abram, Nick Staub, Jeremy Biggs, Tim Albright, Tyler Staton **Second Row:** Alan Nagel, Soren Hirst, John Waldorf, Austin Foster, Cullen Hirst, Rex Davidson, Josh Belner **Third Row:** Anthony Kottke, Mitch Taylor, Steven Crain **Fourth Row:** Captain Ben Hoksche, Captain Andrew Mountsier, Michael Dreyer, Mathias Moeller, Levi Dolleslayer, Clayton Thomas, Scott Herren, Charlie Thuenle, Rob Bany **Fifth Row:** Sam Schroeder, Nick Schumacher, Adi Feriz, Ben Choy, Tom Bug, Patrick Hanson, Dima Kolomyets, Nick Wilkens

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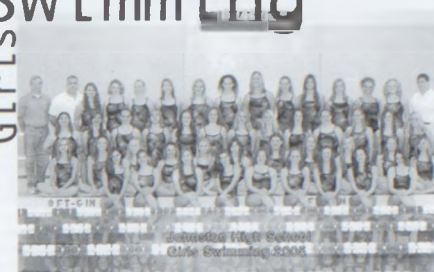
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Girls



First row: Julia Kottke, Erica King, Maggie Mountsier, Rachel Lippincott, Laura Albright, Alex Frakes, Kelsey Knight, Michelle Gillotti, Megan Danielson Second Row: Lindsey Taylor, Annette Beswick, Cassie Applegate, Ashley Lambson, Katie Thomas, Danielle Miro, Ally Hughes, Kelly Mackey, Kelsie Miller, Lauren Chesmore, Paige Sanders Third Row: Amanda Hatfield, Stacey Rebsky, Anna Kurns, Laura Petrich, Erika McLaughlin, Katie Luksetich, Meredith Geels, Tara Lee, Sarah Cutter, Sarah Mueller, Zoey Crandell, Steph Ferguson, Kim Linde Fourth Row: Coach Larry White, Darin Robertson, Lindsay Timmons, Allison Blakely, Amanda Walker-King, Lexi Evans, Danielle Hudson, Danica Dummer, Krista Tippin, Olivia Dummer, Nicole Helak, Meredith Luksetich, Brianne Bumpus, Hannah Smith, Coach Shari Walling

Syneray



First Row: Elise Sams, Lindsey Tosch, Maddie Fiedler, Ciera Lundgren, Alle Moffit, Megan Davis, Karissa Andrews, Lauren Stenstrud, Addie Iler, Meredith Geels, Jenny Pray Second Row: Eric Lekwa, Leah Boie, Ricky Rodriguez, Hannah Clarkson, Liz Fuller, Kari Dockum, Stu Leahy, Audrey Henning, Lauren Kacere, Amanda McWherter, Rachel Spurgeon, Julia Steggerda Third Row: Adam Gillespy, Brittany Beane, Chris Hill, Jenner White, Jacob Vander Ploeg, Danny Heldt, Bryce McClure, Justin Sparland, Zach Dicken, Danielle Hudson, Ryan Campbell, Nick Hunsberger, Cory Plagge, Jarred Steen, Rex Davidson Fourth Row: Chelsea Kumbura, Cicely Gordon, Derek Furrow, Chris Cline, Cody Gordon, Phillip Patten, Chris Wilkinson, Tyler Wengert, Steven Ostiguy, Tucker Vasey, Hunter Warne, Nick Davis, Trevor Haden, JR Gray

Tennis

Boys



First Row: Charlie Wigger, Drew Imhoff, Joey Verrant, Andy Pullen, Molin Zhong, Jesse Pullen, Cody Gordon **Second Row:** Tyler Brown, Derek Hansen, Jon Shockey, Scott Sauber, Chris Ajluni, Trevor Pullen **Third Row:** Josh Kintz, Logan Koch, Patrick Xu, Pasha Kazatsker, Marc Thies, J.T. Minor, Danny Heldt **Fourth Row:** David Zhang, Ryan Palmer, Ben Gass, Bryce McClure, Tucker Vasey, Phillip Patten, Jonathan Holt, Adam Summitt

Tennis

Girls JV



First Row: Laura Messerly, Elena Malcheva, Haley Johnson, Maddie Norelius, Amanda Paskawitz, Xian Zhang, Rachel Lang, Jessica Villegas **Second Row:** Katie Luksetich, Megan Bendixen, Torey Robinson, Colleen Kinsey, Michele Ness, Taylor Coughlin, Cali Kness, Haylee McDonald, Jesse Dubas, Maggie Thilges, Julia Zhang **Third Row:** Coach Mitzi Hetherington, Rachel Binner, Katie Githens, Krista Bowers, Scheila Yalpani, Hannah Levine, Leah Bole, Gabbi Warrick, Megan Junge, Senuri Jayatilaka, Coach Ben Knight

Tennis

Girls Var



First Row: Emily McPherson, Amy Koontz, Amanda Jones, Rebekah Casciato, Allie Norelius, Abby Miller, Natasha Knapp **Second Row:** Coach Ben Knight, Jennifer Ajluni, Aleece Gustafson, Emily Kuster, Susan Clausen, Rachel Winterbottom, Megan Browning

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Volleyball

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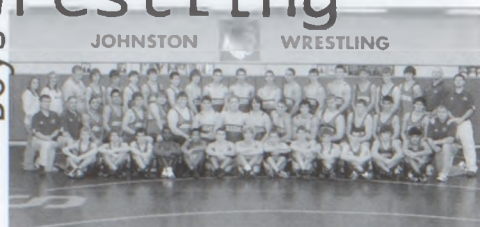
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■ HOW PEOPLE REMEMBER WHO YOU WERE. ■**

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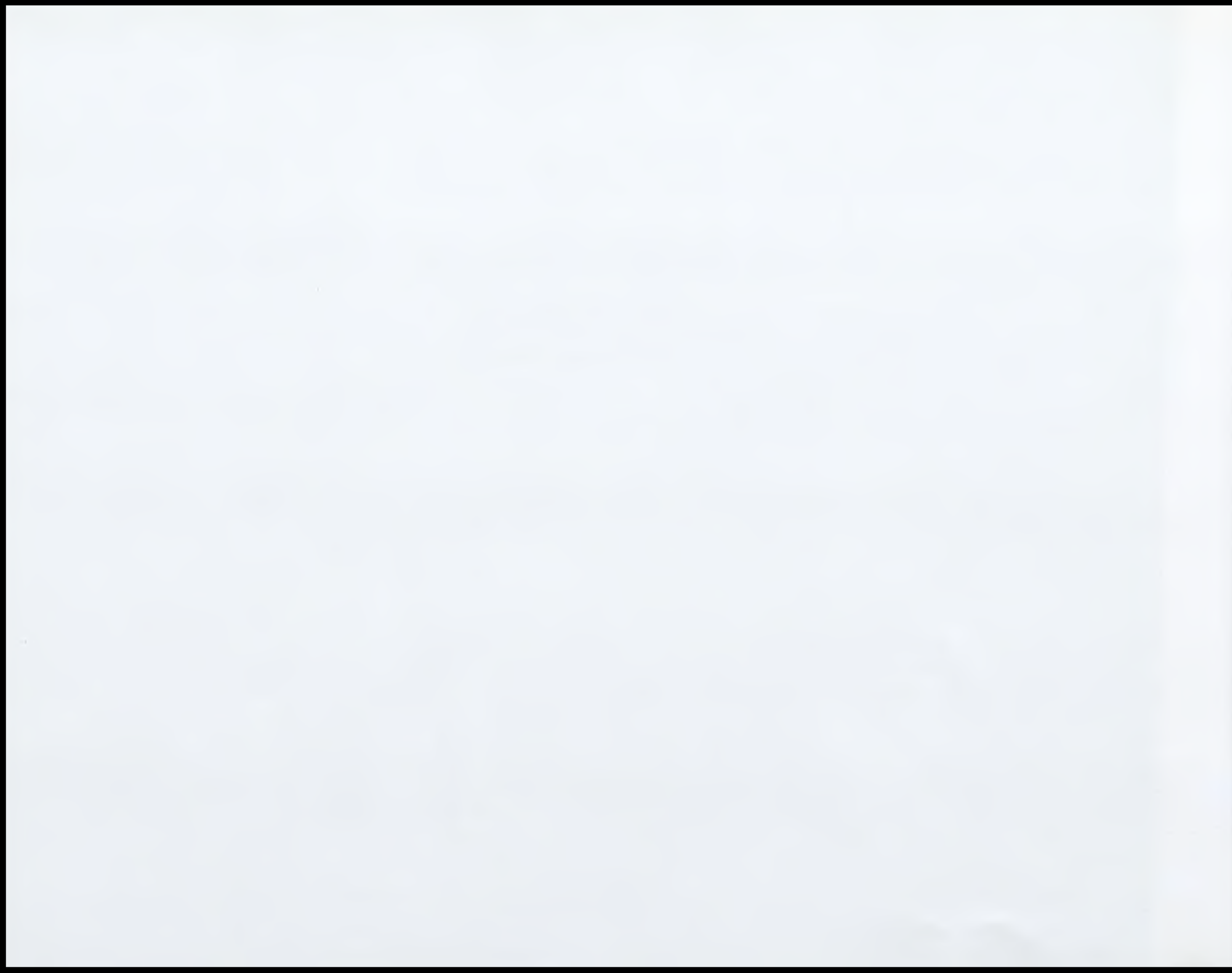




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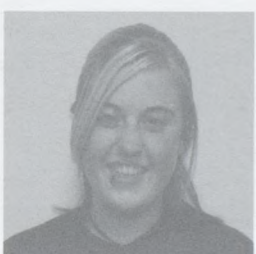


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